



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

October 4, 2023

GENERAL MEMORANDUM NO. 255 – 23

To: Secretary of Samoan Affairs, CEOs, Presidents and Executive Directors of Authorities, Directors, Agency and Office Heads

From: Governor of American Samoa

Subject: Funeral Donation – Public Defender

The passing of Public Defender, Mr. David P. Vargas, has left a void in our hearts. The American Samoa Government mourns the great loss of a dear friend, colleague, and humble leader. During this sad and difficult time, we extend our deepest condolences to his wife Michelle Vargas, their children, and loved ones.

As is our custom, I call on all Cabinet Members to make a monetary donation (please refer to the attached list) to assist Public Defender Vargas's family with funeral expenses.

Please submit your donation to Ms. Amelia Thomsen of the Governor's Office by Tuesday, October 10, 2023.

Thank you for your support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lemanu P. S. Mauga", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

LEMANU P. S. MAUGA
Governor