January 3, 2021

GENERAL MEMORANDUM NO. 005-21

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

From: Governor of American Samoa

Subject: COVID-19 Task Force Appointments

American Samoa continues to face challenges in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. For that reason, at the outset of the administration, it is necessary to sustain the efforts of the Coronavirus Task Force. I also wish to offer my deepest gratitude to the previous task force members for their dedication and service in keeping the territory safe. Their work resulted in American Samoa experiencing near unprecedented protection from the disease that has devastated much of the rest of the world.

The new COVID-19 Task Force will assume the responsibilities and authority of the Vaccination and Repatriation Task Forces. This memorandum supersedes all previous appointment memoranda for the prior task forces and shall serve to reconstitute the COVID-19 Task Force. The COVID-19 Task Force shall include the following members:

- Faumuina T.J. Faumuina
- Motusa Tuileama Nua
- Sandra King Young
- Samana Semo Ve‘ave’a
- Fainu‘ulelei Alailima-Utu
- Mauga Tasi Asuega
- Chris King
- Catherine A. Saelua
- Malemo L. Tausaga
- Lynn Pulou-Alaimalo
- Talauega Samasoni Asaeli
- Muavae’a latasi John Suisala
- Dr. Fred Uhrle

CEO, LBJ Hospital
Acting Director, DOH
Director, Medicaid
Acting Director, ASDHS
Acting Attorney General
Secretary, Office of Samoan Affairs
Acting Director, DPA
Acting Director, Budget Office
Acting Treasurer, Department of Treasury
Acting Director, DHR
Acting Director, DOE
Acting Director, DHSS
US Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic
The chairman of the Task Force will be Lieutenant Governor Talaeuga Eleasalo V. Ale.

The first meeting of the new task force will take place on Monday, January 4, 2021 immediately after the cabinet meeting at the Emergency Operations Center in Tafuna. Your cooperation and support in this critical endeavor is appreciated.

LEMANU P.S. MAUGA
Governor

cc: Hon. Talaeuga E.V. Ale, Lt. Governor
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