



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

October 11, 2023

GENERAL MEMORANDUM NO. 276 – 23

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

From: Acting Governor of American Samoa

Subject: Flying of Flags at Half-Staff in Honor of Public Defender David Peter Vargas

In accordance with 4 U.S.C. 7(m), it is hereby directed that the flag of the United States and American Samoa shall be flown at half-staff from sunrise October 11, 2023 until sunset October 12, 2023. This symbol of reverence serves as a testament to the respect and gratitude we hold for Peter David Vargas, who passed away on September 12, 2023 at the age of 77.

David Vargas's unwavering commitment to our Territory is illuminated by his many years of dedicated legal service. He faithfully and diligently served our Territory, leaving an exemplary legacy of invaluable contributions. His devotion to the welfare of our people will forever remain etched in our hearts.

As we lower our flags to half-staff, may this solemn act stand as a perpetual symbol, reminding us of the deep sense of appreciation we owe not just to David Vargas but to all the exceptional leaders who have helped preserve the tenets and ideals of our justice system.

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Acting Governor