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GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON ALCOHOL ABUSE AND HIGHWAY SAFETY

WHEREAS, a considerable number of highway fatalities and crippling injuries result from persons operating motor vehicles under the influence of alcohol on the roadways of American Samoa; and

WHEREAS, these alcohol related motor vehicle accidents have a detrimental effect on the economics and well-being of the people of the Territory; and

WHEREAS, there is a clear and unmistakable need to reduce the extent of human loss which results from persons operating under the intoxicating influence of alcohol through development of a comprehensive territorial program to combat the causes and effects of abuses of alcohol.

NOW THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as the Governor of American Samoa by the Revised Constitution and laws of American Samoa, it is hereby ordered as follows:

**Section 1. Establishment of Task Force.**

There is created the Governor's Task Force on Alcohol Abuse and Highway Safety. The following persons or their respective designees shall serve as members of the Task Force: Chief Justice of American Samoa, Commissioner of Public Safety, Attorney General, Public Defender, Commander of the Office of Traffic Safety, Governor's Representative for Highway Safety, Traffic Safety Specialist, and the Legal Counsel to the Governor. The Commander of the Office of Traffic Safety is designated temporary Chairman to convene the Task Force. The Task Force shall select the Chairman and such other officers as it deems necessary for its members.

**Section 2. Purposes.**

The Task Force is authorized and directed to advise the Governor on specific, concrete statutory and administrative recommendations whose implementation would dramatically decrease the incidence of alcohol related highway fatalities and injuries in the Territory. The Committee mandates but are not limited to:

(a) Analysis of the statutes of the Territory and other jurisdictions relating to the dispositional options available to the court as well as administrative penalties for convicted offenders who operate a motor vehicle while under the influence or vehicular homicide.

(b) Propose a coordinated, legislative, judicial and executive response to the particular problem.

**Section 3. Subcommittees.**

In order to fully accomplish the mandates of the Task Force, the Chairperson shall form such subcommittees as deemed necessary and establish the objectives and schedule of said subcommittees. Subcommittees may include in their membership individuals not designated herein as Task Force members.

**Section 4. Executive branch cooperation and assistance.**

The Task Force is authorized to call upon any department, office, board, commission or any agency of the executive branch of the government to supply such data, program reports and other information, materials and assistance as the Task Force deems necessary or appropriate to perform its work. The heads of these agencies are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Task Force and to furnish it with information or assistance requested in connection with its review and analysis.

**Section 5. Conduct of affairs.**

In view of the critical nature of this problem and the need for immediate action the Task Force shall conduct its affairs as expeditiously as possible.

**Section 6. Report.**

The Task Force shall submit a written report to the Governor for its findings and recommendations together with drafts of legislation necessary to carryout its recommendations. The report shall be filed with the Governor on or before September 30, 1986.

**Section 7. Effective date.**

This Executive Order is effective immediately.

Dated: April 25, 1986

  
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Governor of American Samoa