

**39TH LEGISLATURE
1ST REGULAR SESSION**

(ADMIN/BY REQ)

**S.R. NO. 39-16
IN THE SENATE**

04 FEPUARI 2025

INTRODUCED BY: Sen. Tualo Manaia Fruean, D-6

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON:

SUBJECT:
CONFIRMATION—TREASURER OF AMERICAN SAMOA

SUMMARY:
This resolution confirms the Governor's nomination of Mr. Donald O. Kruse as Treasurer of American Samoa.

OWN VOTE			LEGISLATIVE VOTE		
YES	NO		YES	NO	DATE
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S.R. NO. 39-16 John W. E. L.
INTRODUCED BY: John W. E. L.

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“A SENATE RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE GOVERNOR’S
NOMINATION OF MR. DONALD O. KRUSE AS TREASURER OF
AMERICAN SAMOA.”

WHEREAS, by letter dated January 28, 2025, to Honorable Tualo Manaia
Fruean, President of the Senate, Governor Pulaali’i Nkiolao Pula,
submitted the name of Mr. Donald O. Kruse, pursuant to A.S.C.A.
4.0111(b) & 4.0112 (a)(f), for confirmation as Treasurer of
American Samoa; and

WHEREAS, in his letter, the Governor stated in part:
“...I hereby submit my appointment of Mr. Donald O. Kruse as
Treasurer.

I respectfully request that you and your colleagues review his
nomination and confirm him as Treasurer of American Samoa.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
TERRITORY OF AMERICAN SAMOA:

THAT, the nomination of Mr. Donald O. Kruse as Treasurer of American Samoa
is hereby confirmed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Senate is directed to
transmit this resolution to the Honorable Pulaali’i Nikolao Pula, Governor of
American Samoa, and a copy to Mr. Donald O. Kruse.

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**NOFOA'IGA TOLUSEFULU-IVA
FONO TELE MUAMUA**

(TALOSAGA/KOVANA)

**IMM NU. 39-16
I LE MAOTA MAUALUGA**

04 FEPUARI 2025

FA'AULUFALEINA E: Senatoa Tuaolo Manaia E. Fruean, Itumalo - 6

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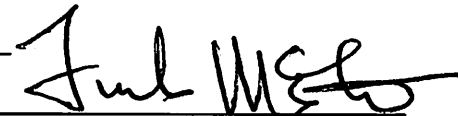
MATA'UPU:

FAAMAONIGA—TEUTUPE A LE MALO AMERIKA SAMOA

'OTO'OTOGA:

O lenei Iugafono e faamaonia ai le tofiga a le Afioga i le Kovana o Donald O. Kruse e fai ma Teutupe a Amerika Samoa.

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2 FAAULUFALEINA E: _____
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4 “O SE IUGAFONO A LE MAOTA MAUALUGA E FAAMAONIA AI LE TOFIGA A
5 LE KOVANA O DONALD O. KRUSE E AVEA MA TEUTUPE A AMERIKA
6 SAMOA.”

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8 TALUAI, i lana tusi ia Ianuari 28, 2025, i le Afioga ia Tuaolo Manaia E. Fruean,
9 Peresetene o le Maota Maualuga, na faaoo atu ai e le Afioga i le Kovana
10 Pulaali’i Nikolao Pula le suafa o Donald O. Kruse ina ia faamaonia e fai ma
11 Teutupe o Amerika Samoa e tusa ai ma maga 4.0111(e) ma 4.0112 (a)(f),
12 T.T.A.S; ma

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14 TALUAI, i se vaega o lana tusi, na faapea ai le Afioga i le Kovana:

15 “...ua ou faaoo atu la’u tofiga o Donald O. Kruse e avea ma Teutupe.

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17 Ou te fautuaina ma le fa’aaloalo lau Afioga ma le Maota ina ia iloilo ma
18 faamaonia o ia e avea ma Teutupe o Amerika Samoa.”

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21 O LENEI, O LE MEA LEA, IA FAAIUGAFONOINA AI E LE MAOTA MAUALUGA
22 O LE TERITORI O AMERIKA SAMOA:

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24 E FAAPEA, ua faamaonia nei le tofiga o Donald O. Kruse e fai ma Teutupe a le Malo o
25 Amerika Samoa; ma

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27 IA TOE FAAIUGAFONOINA FOI, e faapea e talosaga le Failautusi o le Maota
28 Maualuga e faaoo atu lenei Iugafono i le Afioga ia Pulaali’i Nikolao Pula, Kovana o
29 Amerika Samoa; ma se kopi ia Donald O. Kruse.

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Donald O. Kruse

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Objective:

Seasoned professional with over 20 years of experience in financial management, budgeting, and organizational leadership. Adept at optimizing operational efficiency, managing budgets, and driving business growth. Seeking to contribute expertise to the Governor Pula Nikolao Pula and Lieutenant Governor Pulu Ae Ae Jr.'s cabinet team in Finance and Budgeting, with a commitment to fostering honest governance and economic development for a thriving American Samoa.

Education

Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary – Fresno, CA

Master's in Church Ministry

Focus: Leadership Development and Organizational Management

1994–1997

California State University, Dominguez Hills – Carson, CA

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Minor in Accounting

Relevant Coursework: Financial Management, Systems Analysis, Accounting Principles

1986–1989

American Samoa Community College (ASCC) – Pago Pago, American Samoa

General Studies

- Outstanding Student of the Year
 - PTK Honor Society President, demonstrating academic excellence and leadership capabilities.
- 1984–1985

Marist Brothers High School – American Samoa

1980–1983

Marist Elementary School – Atu'u, American Samoa

1977–1979

St. Theresa Elementary School – Leone, American Samoa

1971–1976

Professional Experience

D&H Kruse, Inc. – Pavaiai, American Samoa

Business Owner

February 2005–Present

- **Strategic Planning:** Established long-term financial goals and implemented strategies to ensure sustainable growth and profitability for the business.
- **Budget Oversight:** Created, monitored, and managed annual budgets, ensuring all expenditures aligned with financial objectives and minimizing waste.
- **Financial Reporting:** Compiled comprehensive financial reports for stakeholders, enabling informed decision-making and ensuring transparency in operations.
- **Cash Flow Management:** Maintained positive cash flow by carefully monitoring expenses, forecasting revenues, and avoiding financial overspending.
- **Operational Leadership:** Provided leadership in all aspects of operations, from staff recruitment to daily management, ensuring efficient workflow and employee satisfaction.

Assemblies of God District Council – Tafuna, American Samoa

Treasurer

2010–2020

- **Financial Management:** Oversaw the financial operations of 32 churches, managing incoming funds and ensuring proper allocation based on needs and priorities.
- **Budget Preparation:** Developed detailed quarterly budgets to guide spending and operational activities across the organization.
- **Financial Reporting:** Presented monthly income and expense reports to the executive committee, providing clear insights into financial performance and identifying opportunities for improvement.
- **Team Collaboration:** Worked closely with church leadership to ensure financial goals aligned with broader organizational objectives.
- **Compliance:** Ensured adherence to all financial regulations and best practices, maintaining accountability and trust within the organization.

F.J. & P. Kruse, Inc. – Leone, American Samoa

President & CFO

2003–2010

- **Business Turnaround:** Successfully revitalized a struggling business by restructuring operations, introducing cost-control measures, and increasing revenue streams.
- **Risk Management:** Conducted in-depth analyses to identify and mitigate risks, ensuring the company's financial stability and sustainability.

- **Profit Maximization:** Implemented strategic controls to improve efficiency and profitability, leading to a significant turnaround in financial performance.
- **Leadership:** Supervised all aspects of the company's operations, from financial management to personnel oversight, fostering a productive and motivated team.

Various Roles

1975–1983

- **Early Contributions:** Supported the family business as a youth by preparing bulk products for retail sale, including weighing and packaging sugar, rice, and other items.
- **Expanded Responsibilities:** Transitioned into roles such as cashier, shelf stocker, and delivery driver, gaining hands-on experience in retail and wholesale operations.
- **Financial Role:** Managed daily banking operations during high school years, developing a strong foundation in financial processes.

Guardian Savings Bank – Huntington Beach, CA

Information Systems Operator on IBM AS-400

1985–1992

- **Data Processing:** Processed and ran daily reports for the bank's headquarters, ensuring accurate and timely delivery of critical financial data.
- **System Backup:** Performed daily system backups to safeguard data and ensure business continuity.
- **Technical Troubleshooting:** Collaborated with IT teams to resolve system issues and maintain seamless operations.

Hotel Insel Fehmarn – Samoa

General Manager

1992–1994

- **Staff Leadership:** Recruited, trained, and managed hotel staff across multiple departments, fostering a culture of professionalism and excellence.
- **Budget Development:** Created and managed the hotel's budget, balancing revenue and expenses to ensure profitability.
- **Operational Oversight:** Coordinated daily operations to ensure high-quality guest experiences, addressing complaints and implementing service improvements.
- **Revenue Management:** Monitored financial performance, including revenue, expenses, and cash flow, to maintain the hotel's financial health.

Skills

- **Financial Management:** Expertise in budgeting, forecasting, and financial reporting to support organizational goals.
- **Strategic Planning:** Ability to design and implement long-term strategies for growth and efficiency.
- **Leadership:** Proven ability to lead and motivate teams across diverse industries and organizational levels.
- **Risk Mitigation:** Skilled at identifying potential risks and implementing measures to minimize financial and operational exposure.
- **Problem-Solving:** Analytical thinker capable of addressing complex challenges and implementing effective solutions.
- **Technical Proficiency:** Experienced with IBM AS-400 systems and proficient in modern financial and operational tools.
- **Communication:** Strong verbal and written communication skills for presenting reports, leading meetings, and collaborating with stakeholders.