



THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

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CARNIVAL 2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

A PROCLAMATION

**TO PROVIDE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE
65th ANNIVERSARY OF CARNIVAL IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS**

The United States Virgin Islands will be celebrating the 65th anniversary of Carnival.

The theme for this year is *A Centennial Commemoration for our 65th Carnival Celebration*.

The Virgin Islands' Carnival has become one of the region's top festivals, attracting thousands of people to the islands.

The name of this year's Carnival Village is *Juan's Musical Haven*.

This year's Virgin Islands' Carnival Food, Arts and Crafts Fair is named *Theresa's Sweet Shop* honoring *Theresa Marie Arnold-Lewis*. It will be held on **Wednesday, April 26, 2017** in the Emancipation Garden.

J'ouvert will be held on **Thursday, April 27, 2017**.

The Children's Carnival Parade will be held on **Friday, April 28, 2017**, and the Adult's Parade will be held on **Saturday, April 29, 2017**.

During this historical and festive season hundreds of families, friends, visitors, and supporters will be visiting the Territory to enjoy and partake of our cultural activities, and the sights and sounds of Carnival.

This annual celebration provides a tremendous financial boost to our economy and helps to promote a greater understanding and appreciation of Carnival and our culture.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kenneth E. Mapp, Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands of 1954, as amended, do hereby authorize Commissioners and Agency Heads to grant Administrative Leave to non-essential employees, in order to encourage greater participation in the Food Fair, and to enhance the celebration of the Virgin Islands Carnival by all residents and visitors, as follows:

DISTRICT OF ST. THOMAS/ST. JOHN ONLY (ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE)

Wednesday, April 26, 2017 - Food, Arts and Crafts Fair Day – 12:00 p.m. (noon) to 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 27, 2017 – J’ouvert – 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.


TERRITORY-WIDE LEGAL HOLIDAY:

Friday, April 28, 2017 – Children’s Parade Day

The leave granted above shall not apply to essential employees and employees on a regular or rotating shift. Employees on annual or sick leave immediately preceding or immediately following the time period administrative leave is granted, will not receive administrative leave. Future leave will not be granted to employees who are considered essential and/or whose shift happens to fall on a day in which other employees are granted administrative leave.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Government of the United States Virgin Islands to be affixed at Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, this 20th day of April, 2017, A.D.





Kenneth E. Mapp
Governor

Attest: 

Osbert E. Potter
Lieutenant Governor