



THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS
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VIRGIN ISLANDS HISTORY MONTH

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The people, natives, inhabitants, citizens and residents, of the United States Virgin Islands of various origins, backgrounds, races, ethnicities, colors, beliefs, and religions have throughout history, as individuals and as groups, greatly contributed to the progress and enrichment of humanity locally, regionally, nationally, internationally and globally; and

WHEREAS, It is most fitting, proper and appropriate that knowledge of these achievements and contributions to humankind be known both to U.S. Virgin Islanders and all others in the global community; and

WHEREAS, Appropriate methods by which this can be achieved include the celebration and commemoration of the great events that have shaped the history and culture of this Territory, and through honoring and paying tribute to the heroes and heroines, and other individuals, past and present, who have contributed so very much to enrich and better the lives of Virgin Islanders and others through the ages; and

WHEREAS, Although celebrating and commemorating these great events and honoring and paying tribute to heroes and heroines and other individuals all year long is appropriate, it is justifiable, prudent and wise for us to select a particular time in the year to proudly highlight the history, culture and achievements of the people of the Virgin Islands including artifacts, ideas, beliefs, customs, traditions, values, music, art, handcrafts, folklore, dance, sports, cuisine and technical processes; and

WHEREAS, The month of March is one of the most significant months in the year for the U.S. Virgin Islands, due to the large number of important historical events that have taken place during the month to include, among others, Transfer Day. The observation of every March as Virgin Islands History

Month by the people, especially the youth, will serve to instill a sense of pride, loyalty, love, devotion and respect for the U.S. Virgin Islands and for all Virgin Islanders at home and abroad.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Albert Bryan Jr., Governor of the United States Virgin Islands, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands of 1954, as amended, Executive Order No. 417-2005 and Act No. 6802, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2020 as “*Virgin Islands History Month*” in the United States Virgin Islands. I urge all residents and Virgin Islanders at home and abroad to join with me in homes, schools, public and private places to pay tribute to the heritage and legacy of Virgin Islanders from all backgrounds and races, as we observe “*Virgin Islands History Month*”.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States to be affixed at Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, this 1 day of March, A. D. 2020.




Albert Bryan Jr.
Governor

ATTEST:

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Lieutenant Governor