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CAREERS IN CONSTRUCTION MONTH

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Careers in Construction Month is an annual month designated to increase public awareness and appreciation of construction craft professionals and the entire construction workforce; and

WHEREAS, during this month, employers, associations, and schools are encouraged to conduct job fairs, panel discussions, and local community events to inform students of the vast employment opportunities in construction; and

WHEREAS, the construction industry will need one million new craft professionals by 2024 to keep up with both industry growth and the loss of workers either through retirement or simply leaving the sector for good; and

WHEREAS, we are pleased to honor the construction craft professional and the critical role they play in the development of the U.S. Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, the NCCER (National Center for Construction Education and Research) was created by the construction industry to standardize training and enhance the industry image by promoting the hard work and dedication of our nation's craft professionals; and

WHEREAS, Build Your Future (BYF) is NCCER's national image enhancement and recruitment initiative for the construction industry. Its mission is to recruit the next generation of craft professionals by guiding America's youth and displaced workers into opportunities that lead to long-term rewarding careers in construction.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert Bryan, Jr., 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, as amended, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2022 as "Careers in Construction Month" in the Virgin

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Islands.

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 1st day of September, A. D. 2022.



Albert Bryan Jr. Governor

Attest:

Tregenza A. Roach, Esq. Lieutenant Governor