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VIRGIN ISLANDS AND PUERTO RICO FRIENDSHIP DAY

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the people of the Territory of the Virgin Islands and the people of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico have had a long and happy association as relatives, good neighbors, business partners, fellow Americans, and warm friends; and

WHEREAS, this close friendship between the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico has been mutually beneficial economically, financially, politically, and has strengthened in the face of fierce natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, those from Puerto Rico who have made the U.S. Virgin Islands their home, have particularly enriched the Virgin Islands. The contributions of the Puerto Rican people have contributed greatly to the economic and political progress achieved in this Territory during recent years; and

WHEREAS, on numerous occasions, the people of Puerto Rico have rendered prompt and generous aid to the people of the Virgin Islands. The people of Puerto Rico demonstrate great pride and are an inspiration to their fellow Americans and neighbors in the U.S. Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, it is traditional to designate a day on which to call attention to the remarkable bonds and cooperation between the peoples of the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

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 Monday, October 10, 2022, as "Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico Friendship Day" in the Virgin Islands.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, 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 25 day of September, A.D. 2022.

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Albert Bryan, Jr. Governor

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