

## THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR GOVERNMENT HOUSE Charlotte Amalie, V.I. 00802 340-774-0001

## NATIONAL ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

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## BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

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## **A PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS; Alzheimer's disease is a progressive degenerative disease of the brain causing deterioration in memory, thinking, judgment, and reasoning ability; as well as affecting behavior, emotions, and the ability to perform self-care; and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2020, the National Alzheimer's Association announced that it has been chosen by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to lead a national public health effort aimed at lowering the risk of cognitive decline and dementia; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that we keep up the fight against Alzheimer's until a cure is found and that we continue to care for all those affected by this condition in the meantime; and

WHEREAS, caregivers and family members are crucial in maintaining a healthy quality of life for those battling Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, resources and information on living with or caring for someone with Alzheimer's disease can be found at www.Alzheimers.gov; and

WHEREAS, changing the trajectory of Alzheimer's disease requires public health tools and techniques such as encouraging healthy behaviors to reduce the risk of co-occurring conditions, decreasing the number of people with undiagnosed dementia, improving medical management of dementia and co-morbidities, and assisting family caregivers with getting support to help them sustain their vital role; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that Alzheimer's patients receive early diagnoses and have access to quality, affordable care, and that further research on this disease continues.

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 1954, as amended, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2022 as "National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month" in the United States Virgin Islands. I call upon the people of the Territory to learn more about Alzheimer's and to offer their support to the individuals living with this disease and to their caregivers.

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 day of October, A. D. 2022.

Albert Bryan, Governor

Attest:

Tregenza A. Roach, E Lieutenant Governor