



**THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS
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NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the 8th Annual National Apprenticeship Week (NAW): November 14-20, 2022, is a nationwide celebration where industry, labor, equity, workforce, education, and government leaders host events to showcase the successes and value of Registered Apprenticeship (an industry-driven, high-quality career pathway where employers can develop and prepare their future workforce) for re-building our economy, advancing racial and gender equity, and supporting underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, the advancement and well-being of the U.S. Virgin Islands depend upon the continued development of skilled workers in their chosen fields; and

WHEREAS, NAW is an opportunity to highlight how Registered Apprenticeship, a proven and industry-driven training model, provides a critical talent pipeline that can help to address some of our nation's pressing workforce challenges such as rebuilding our country's infrastructure, addressing critical supply chain demands, supporting a clean energy workforce, modernizing our cybersecurity response, and responding to care economy issues; and

WHEREAS, apprenticeships are proven pathways to fulfilling careers in diverse industries such as information technology, healthcare, energy, aerospace, construction, advanced manufacturing, hospitality, financial services, and more; and

WHEREAS, apprenticeship programs are uniquely able to meet the changing demands of the U.S. economy and provide the education required to develop in-demand skills through the earn-while-you-learn model; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Virgin Islands recognizes that robust apprenticeship programs provide tangible value to both job creators and apprentices, with the potential to increase productivity, improve

diversity and inclusion, and reduce recruitment and training costs while providing a pathway to prosperous careers for job seekers.


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 1954, as amended, do hereby proclaim Monday, November 14th – Sunday, November 20, 2022, as “National Apprenticeship Week” in the United States Virgin Islands. I call upon the people of the Territory to recognize the benefits of apprenticeships for job seekers, employers, and our economy.

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 20th day of October, A. D. 2022.




Albert Bryan, Jr.
Governor

Attest:


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Lieutenant Governor