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VETERANS DAY AND MILITARY FAMILIES MONTH

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, each year, on November 11th we pause to express our respect and gratitude for the millions of men and women who have served our Nation as members of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, November 11th also known as "Armistice Day," is a day dedicated to peace, and is a fitting day to honor those who have kept our Nation strong and our freedom secure; and

WHEREAS, America's Veterans have been steadfast guardians of peace and liberty not only here at home, but also around the world; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of our Nation and the Territory continue to live in freedom because of the sacrifices made by those who served in the Armed Forces of the United States in time of national peril; and

WHEREAS, this year we continue paying tribute to the thousands of Veterans in the U. S. Virgin Islands, who by their continued devotion to the highest ideals of patriotism and citizenship, constitute a foundation of both strength and progress in the Territory; and

WHEREAS, it is a privilege to express our gratitude to our Veterans whose sacrifices serve as constant reminders of the high price of liberty.

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 Friday, November 11, 2022, as "Veterans Day" and the month of November as "Military Families Month" in the United States Virgin Islands to honor the courage and sacrifices of the men and

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women who have served, and those who are serving proudly in our Armed Forces, and to salute our own Virgin Island Veterans. I urge all citizens to remember the sacrifices and contributions of all those who, when called upon to do so, served this Nation honorably in wartime to preserve our heritage of freedom. This is a fitting time to rededicate ourselves to the task of encouraging peace as the most profound reward which we might bestow upon our veterans.

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 2014 day of October, A. D. 2022.

Albert Bryan, Jr

Governor

Attest:

Tregenza A. Roach, Esq. Lieutenant Governor