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COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Computer Science Education Week is an annual call to action to inspire grade K-12 students to learn computer science, advocate for equity, and celebrate the contributions of students, teachers, and partners to the field; and

WHEREAS, this week highlights the crucial role that computer science plays in transforming our society through enabling innovation, technological advances, and economic growth; and

WHEREAS, the field of computer science supports the information technology sector as well as careers in sciences, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), making it a foundational science for the digital age and a significant contributor to the United States' economic output; and

WHEREAS, providing students the chance to participate in high-quality computer science activities, including coding, exposes them to the rich opportunities the field offers and builds critical thinking skills that will serve them throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, all students deserve equitable access to learning opportunities and thorough preparation in STEM, including access to qualified educators, technology, and age-appropriate curriculum needed to learn computer science at the elementary and secondary levels of education.

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, and the laws of the Virgin Islands of the United States, do hereby proclaim December 5 – 11, 2022, as "Computer"

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Science Education Week" in the United States Virgin Islands. Join me during this week as we inform students, educators, administrators, families, education partners, and the general public about the value of digital literacy training, careers in STEM fields, and information technology skills for our future-ready students.

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 21 day of November, A. D. 2022.

Denise N. Georg Acting Governor

Attest:

Novelle E. Francis, Jr.

Acting Lieutenant Governor