



**THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS
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HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK

NOVEMBER 13TH -20TH

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the National Coalition for the Homeless and National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness have designated the 13th through the 20th of November 2021, as “National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week”; and

WHEREAS, the theme for the 2021 National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is “Access Ends Hunger”; and

WHEREAS, the Virgin Islands’ Inter-agency Council on Homelessness and the Virgin Islands’ Continuum of Care on Homelessness recognize that homelessness and hunger are serious problems facing many individuals and families in the territory; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this proclamation is to educate the public about the many reasons why people in the United States Virgin Islands are hungry and homeless, including the shortage of affordable housing, the need to develop an adequate supply of different housing needs, and the need for increased support services for our vulnerable populations; and


WHEREAS, educating the community through the issuance of a proclamation encourages support for homeless assistance service providers as well as community service opportunities for students and school service organizations; and

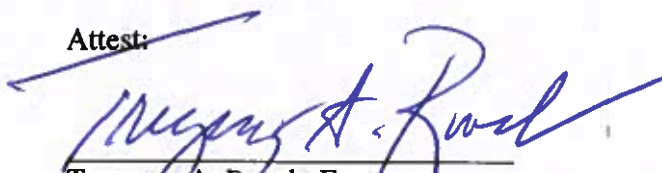
WHEREAS, there are many organizations committed to sheltering, providing meals and food supplies as well as supportive services to people experiencing homelessness including: Methodist Training and Outreach Center, Ten Thousand Helpers of St. Croix, Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands, My Brother’s Table; St. Croix Mission Outreach, Women’s Coalition of St. Croix, Frederiksted Healthcare, Inc., Family Resource Center, Inc., The Village – VI Partners In Recovery, Inc., Light House Mission, and The Collective Collaboration, Inc., Eagles Nest.

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 the 13th through the 20th of November 2021, as "**Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week**" in the United States Virgin Islands. I call upon all residents, businesses, and other community organizations to join with me as we recognize and thank those in our community for their services to our homeless and hungry population. I further call upon all residents, businesses, and community organizations to support the efforts of these organizations as they strive to aid those in need of food and shelter.

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 25th day of October, A. D. 2021.




Albert Bryan, Jr.
Governor

Attest:

Tregenza A. Roach, Esq.
Lieutenant Governor