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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 517-2021

GOVERNOR OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATION OF ENTERPRISE ZONE FOR SAVANNE-DOWNSTREET, ST. THOMAS US VIRGIN ISLANDS

WHEREAS, throughout the United States, the designation of enterprise zones is based on a level of poverty for the census tract or census block area, and the enterprise zones in the Virgin Islands represent areas where poverty exists; and

WHEREAS, enterprise zones designation requires that there must be residential activity of living below a certain income level; and

WHEREAS, there is a need in Savanne-Downstreet, St. Thomas for such designation because of the increase in residential activity, which indicates an increase of individuals living below the poverty line in Savanne-Downstreet areas as well as adjoining zones and corridors leading to these areas; and

WHEREAS, expanding the Savanne-Downstreet enterprise zones would be consistent with other current Virgin Islands enterprise zones including, designations for Christiansted and Frederiksted, which include the entire town areas; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of certain enterprise zones will help enable access to Enterprise Zone Program benefits for downtown properties in the Virgin Islands, and increase access to Community Development Block Grant and New Markets Tax Credit Programs; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended by the Enterprise Zone Commission that the Savanne-Downstreet enterprise zones' legal definitions be identified and updated to include all relevant areas where poverty exists so the above program benefits can be utilized throughout the Virgin Islands.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of the Revised Organic Act of 1954, as amended, it is hereby ORDERED

SECTION 1. Expansion of Savanne-Downstreet

Within the proposed expanded boundaries of the Savanne-Downstreet Zone are a hotel and two guest houses that have struggled with financing for rehabilitation. These facilities were once very active spaces that brought the community together and encouraged community engagement and activism. Additionally, the proposed expansion would include the potential future site of an agro-processing plant for the Savanne-Downstreet Enterprise Zone.

Title 29 V.I. CODE ANNOTATED, Chapter 19 §1003(1) indicates that an Enterprise Zone must have a detail legal description of the area. The map and the legal description of the proposed amended zone is as follows:

Savanne-Downstreet Enterprise Zone

The boundary of the Savanne-Down Street Enterprise Zone begins at the intersection of Wimmelskafts Gade and Nye Gade, thence north along Nye Gade to the northeast comer of Nye Gade 3A, thence west along the northern property lines of Nye Gade 3A, 3D, 38, Murphy Gade 15, 8jerge Gade 2DE Dronningens Quarter, thence north along 8jerge Gade Dronningens Quarter to Catherineberg Road, thence west along Catherineberg Road to the southeast corner of 8jerge Gade 2N and Catherineberg 18, thence south along the southern property lines of 8jerge Gade 2N and Catherineberg 1 B, Catherineberg 1 and Nordsidevej Gade 9 Remainder to the Bjerge Gade pedestrian alley, thence west along the Bjerge Gade pedestrian alley to Nordsidevej Gade, thence north along Nordsidevej Gade and westward to the northwest property line of Inte Gade 3, thence west along the northern property lines of Inte Gade 2 and 1, Vester Gade 26E and 26D, thence south along Vester Gade to Antony Straede, thence across the gut to Jessegors Gade, thence west along Jessegors Gade to Larke Gade, thence south along Larke Gade to Savanne Street, thence west along Savanne Street to Gylling's Street, thence north along Gylling's Street to Hill Street, thence south along Hill Street to Gamble Nordsidevei, thence north along Gamble Nordsidevei (Theodore Boschulte Drive) to Thomas Street, thence west along Thomas Street to Hodges Street at the northeast corner of Hodges Street 27, thence south along west property lines of Hodges Street 27, 26, and to the midpoint of 25, thence southwest and south along Fancy Thruway to the north west corner of Anna's Fancy 10, thence west along the north property lines of Anna's Fancy 11, 11A, 17, 18, 22, 23, 26A, 27, 31, and 31A, thence south along the western property lines of Anna's Fancy 31A, 30, and 29, thence east along Harwood Highway and Kronprindsens Gade to the northwest corner of Kronprindsens Gade 57, thence south along the western property lines of Kronprindsens Gade 57 and 58, thence east along the southern property lines of Kronprindsens Gade 58, 57, 59, 608, 60A, 61, 62 and 63B to Nye Tvaer Gade, thence south along Nye Tvaer Gade to the southern property lines of Kronprindsens Gade, thence east along the southern property lines of Kronprindsens Gade 66B, 68, 688-W, 69 Remainder, 69A, 70B, 70BW, 71AA, 71AA-l, 71B, 71-8W, 72, 72-1, 73, 74B, 75, 76, 77B, 78, 79, 80, 81D, including the southern property lines Curacoa Gade 7, 8, 9, 10, and 1 lA to Guttets Gade, thence north along Guttets Gade to Wimmelskafts Gade, thence

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east along the northern side of Wimmelskafts Gade to the point of beginning at the intersection of Nye and Wimmelskafts Gades.

SECTION 2. FOR VISUAL DESCRIPTIVE PURPOSES SEE BLUE SHADED LINE ON ATTACHED MAP SHOWS OUTLINES OF SAVANNE-DOWNSTREET COMMERCIAL ZONE AS AN ADDITION TO THE SAVANNE ENTERPRISE (SEE ATTACHED MAP)

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

The mandates of this Executive Order shall be effective immediately upon execution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Government of the United States Virgin Islands to be affixed at Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, this 14th day of December, A.D.,2021.

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