



**THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
GOVERNMENT HOUSE
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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Virgin Islands Fire Service is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in or visiting our Territory; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, local fire departments responded to an estimated 1.35 million fires in the United States. These fires caused 3,800 civilian fire deaths and 14,700 reported civilian fire injuries. The property damage caused by these fires was estimated at \$15.9 billion; and

WHEREAS, our first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, Virgin Islands residents who are responsive to public education measures are better able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the US Virgin Islands has recently integrated our fire and emergency management services into one overall Fire and Emergency Services Agency to enable enhanced and more efficient and speedier emergency response times and successes; and


WHEREAS, the 2022 Fire Prevention Week theme, “Fire won’t wait. Plan your escape”, works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe from home fires; and

WHEREAS, Fire Prevention Week is observed annually to promote life safety, increase public awareness of the dangers and hazards of fires, emphasize the importance of fire safety which includes the installation of fire safety devices, such as smoke alarms, and make a lifelong difference for the people in our community.

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 Sunday, October 9th- Saturday, October 15, 2022**, as “*Fire Prevention Week*” in the United States Virgin Islands. I strongly urge residents throughout the Virgin Islands to team up with the Fire Service in this observance and participate in the activities scheduled for this week.

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 3rd day of October, A. D. 2022.




Albert Bryan, Jr.
Governor

Attest:


Donna Fret-Gregory
Acting Lieutenant Governor