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NATIONAL PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS WEEK

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BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

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A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Physician Assistants are rigorously educated and trained healthcare professionals who practice medicine in every specialty and setting and often serve as a patient's principal healthcare provider; and

WHEREAS, quality, cost-effective and accessible patient-centered healthcare, provided by Physician Assistants contributes to the well-being and quality of life for all patients of the US Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, Physician Assistants are often the first point of contact for many patients and play a vital role in helping them understand their medical needs and empower them to become effective advocates for their own health; and

WHEREAS, Physician Assistants are valuable assets to their medical team, and enhance the delivery of high-quality healthcare for patients, often in medically underserved and rural areas; and

WHEREAS, Physician Assistants have earned the respect of the general public for their dedication and contributions to people's health and for their commitment to team-based care and they ensure delivery of effective and efficient healthcare services.

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 of the Virgin Islands, as amended, do hereby **proclaim Thursday, October 6–Wednesday, October 12, 2022**, as "*National Physician Assistants Week*" in the United States Virgin Islands. I encourage all our residents to recognize Physician Assistants for the significant impact they have made and continue to make in the healthcare provided throughout the Territory.

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 Christiansted, St. Croix, the Virgin Islands this 20th day of September, A.D. 2022.



Albert Bryan Jr.
Governor

Attest:



Tregenza A. Roach, Esq.
Lieutenant Governor