



**THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
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**D. HAMILTON JACKSON MONTH, AND D. HAMILTON JACKSON (LIBERTY) DAY**

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**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES**

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**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, David Hamilton Jackson, a great native son, served as a labor leader, politician, educator, lawyer, newspaper editor, judge, banker, statesman, community activist; and

**WHEREAS**, D. Hamilton Jackson was born on St. Croix in 1884 and received his early education in the Danish school system; and

**WHEREAS**, D. Hamilton Jackson was a powerful labor leader, known for his concern and love for his people and the community, and especially his fight against injustice and inequality; and

**WHEREAS**, D. Hamilton Jackson established the first labor union on St. Croix in 1915 to improve wages and working conditions of the people of the Danish West Indies; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1915, D. Hamilton Jackson traveled to Denmark where he succeeded in having the Danish Government revoke the royal edict prohibiting privately owned newspapers; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1915, D. Hamilton Jackson, as a champion of freedom of the press, established the first privately owned newspaper "The Herald" where he served as owner and editor; and

**WHEREAS**, D. Hamilton Jackson, while serving as a judge under the U.S. Naval Administration, was instrumental in the formulation of the Organic Act of 1936, guaranteeing civil liberties, which later became the foundation upon which our current Revised Organic Act of 1954 is based; and

**WHEREAS**, D. Hamilton Jackson felt the suffering of the people and through the power of the press was able to bring about social and economic change to better the lives of residents of the Territory; and

**WHEREAS**, D. Hamilton Jackson’s invaluable contributions have greatly enriched the Territory and the lives of many Virgin Islanders.

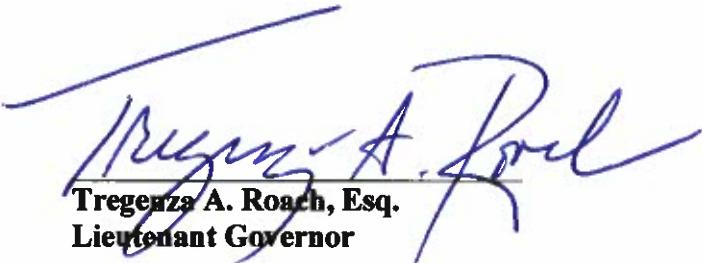
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Albert Bryan, Jr., Governor of the United States Virgin Islands, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Revised Organic Act of 1954 of the Virgin Islands, as amended, and in accordance with 1 VIC 171 and 1 VIC 200g do hereby **proclaim the month of November 2022 as “David Hamilton Jackson Month,”** and **Tuesday, November 1, 2022, “David Hamilton Jackson – (Liberty) Day”** as a holiday in the United States Virgin Islands. I call upon the people, civic, and other community organizations of the Virgin Islands, to join me in this observance and pay tribute to David Hamilton Jackson for his outstanding and distinguished public service, and his contributions to the advancement of the press and self-government that we all enjoy today.

**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 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, A. D. 2022.



  
Albert Bryan, Jr.  
Governor

Attest:

  
Tregenza A. Roach, Esq.  
Lieutenant Governor