



**THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS
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NATIONAL DIABETES MONTH

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, diabetes is the third leading cause of death in the United States after heart disease and cancer. Therefore it is important to get tested and become educated on the disease; and

WHEREAS, if left untreated or unmanaged, diabetes can lead to life-changing complications such as heart disease, stroke, blindness, kidney failure, and lower limb amputation; and

WHEREAS, one in two people living with diabetes is undiagnosed, which equals 212 million people worldwide who do not know they are diabetic; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, is "Diabetes Management: It Takes a Team." The intent is to help build awareness and support people in managing their diabetes care; and

WHEREAS, increasing knowledge about diabetes means spotting the warning signs. The warning signs are milder in type 2 diabetes, which is the most prevalent form of the condition, and responsible for around 90% of all diabetes; and

WHEREAS, healthcare providers, researchers, and advocates have made important strides in combating this disease, and we have reason to hope this progress will continue.

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 month of November 2022 as "National Diabetes Month"** in the United States Virgin Islands. I commend those bravely fighting this disease and the families and friends who support them. Together, we can take the small steps that lead to big rewards -- a healthier future for our citizens and

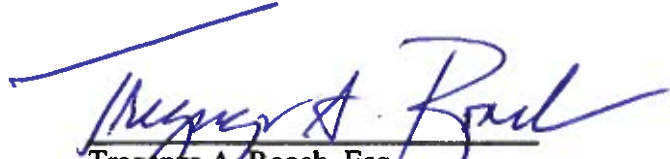
our Territory. This month, let us work to show every individual living with diabetes that they are not alone and let us continue strengthening our investment in the fight against this disease.

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 28th day of October, A. D. 2022.




Albert Bryan, Jr.
Governor

Attest:


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