



**THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, each day, courageous individuals step forward to help care for family members in need, providing care and support to individuals who are frail, elderly, chronically ill, or living with a disability in long-term care, community, or home settings; and

WHEREAS, during National Family Caregivers Month we recognize more than 40 million people across the United States who serve as unpaid caregivers, with generous hearts and faithful devotion; and

WHEREAS, in the U.S. Virgin Islands, parents and children, siblings and spouses, friends and neighbors heroically give of themselves to support those in their lives affected by illness, injury, or disability, and

WHEREAS, according to the 2020 USVI census, the territory is an aging population with more than 90% of Virgin Islanders preferring to age at home rather than be institutionalized; and

WHEREAS, the VI Family Caregiver Support Program was developed by the Administration on Aging of the US Department of Health and Human Services and supports families in their caregiving efforts by offering reimbursements for respite services and stipends for personal care items, which allows senior adults the opportunity to remain in the home longer and exercise more independence; and

WHEREAS, caregivers play an essential role in ensuring the health and well-being of those most in need by managing medications and doctor appointments, all while balancing work and home obligations; and

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 **proclaim the month of November**, as “*National Family Caregivers Month*” in the United States Virgin Islands. I call upon all residents, businesses, and community organizations to reach out to those who provide care for their family members, friends, and neighbors in need, to honor and thank them. I encourage people to acknowledge and support family, friends, and neighbors who help those who are aging or have disabilities. Throughout this month, let us remember these men and women who spend their days caring for others while balancing the responsibilities of their own lives, including employment, and raising children.

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 26th day of October, A. D. 2022.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Albert Bryan, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Albert Bryan, Jr.
Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tregenza A. Roach", written over a horizontal line.

Tregenza A. Roach, Esq.
Lieutenant Governor