



**THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS
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HUMAN RIGHTS AND RELATIONS WEEK 2022

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948. Since then, Human Rights Day has been commemorated annually on December 10th; and

WHEREAS, Human Rights Day presents an opportunity every year to celebrate human rights, highlight a specific issue, and advocate for the full enjoyment of all human rights by everyone everywhere; and

WHEREAS, Human Rights and Relations Week is a week of events to commemorate the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights signed by the United Nations General Assembly on 10 December 1948; and

WHEREAS, the principles of Human Rights and Relations Week calls on residents of the Virgin Islands, schools, churches, civic organizations, labor unions, and political parties to join together in appropriate ceremonies to reflect upon the common dignity of all without regard to race, creed, ethnic or cultural backgrounds and to reaffirm that all men are created equal; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the United States Virgin Islands are committed to the democratic principles that underpin a just and equitable society and are secure in their belief that freedom and justice are the pillars of a sound government; and

WHEREAS, the United States Virgin Islands is home to many diverse cultures and communities as well as being a destination for many visitors from around the world every year; and

WHEREAS, the United States Virgin Islands' historic achievement of securing independence from colonial rule has fostered an indomitable spirit of self-government and cultural identity, but has much to go in accomplishing full Constitutional Rights. The United States Virgin Islands takes pride in reaffirming universal principles which recognize the bond between the human race and faith in the dignity and worth of the human person.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert J. 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 Saturday, December 10, 2022**, as "*Human Rights Day*" and do further declare December 2-9, 2022, as "*Human Rights and Relations Week*." I encourage all residents of the Territory to review the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and to affirm their commitment to the core principles of human rights universality, interdependence and indivisibility, equality, and non-discrimination.

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 ~~29th~~ day of November, A. D. 2022.




Denise N. George, Esq.
Acting Governor

Attest:


Novelle E. Francis, Jr.
Acting Lieutenant Governor