



THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 537a – 2024

**RENEWAL ORDER AND PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR
OF THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS
DECLARING A STATE OF ENERGY EMERGENCY IN THE
UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS
TO AVERT AN ENERGY CRISIS**

WHEREAS, Title 23, Section 1005(a), Virgin Islands Code, vests in the Governor the responsibility for meeting the dangers to the Territory of the United States Virgin Islands and its people presented by emergencies or major disasters; and

WHEREAS, for months leading up to April 2024, the inability of independent government agencies to timely pay the Water and Power Authority (WAPA) for its services impacted WAPA's ability to pay its critical vendors, resulting in curtailing of power generation; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2024, the Governor issued Executive Order 537-2024, declaring a State of Emergency to avert an emergency crisis in the United States Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, the Government of the Virgin Islands continues to take action to stabilize the production of energy in the Territory to ensure the safety and operation of critical services to its residents; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 23, Section 1005(d), the existing State of Emergency is in effect for thirty (30) days unless renewed by the Governor. As the Territory continues to work through the process of mitigating the severe threat of insufficient and unreliable power generation in the USVI, the need for a State of Emergency persists; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States, to protect the lives and property of the residents of the Territory finds it necessary to renew the State of Emergency declared on April 22, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert Bryan Jr., Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States, by virtue of the authority granted to me by Section 11 of the Revised Organic Act of 1954, as amended, and afore-cited sections of the Virgin Islands Code, do hereby **DECLARE** as follows:

1. The State of Emergency declared on **April 22, 2024**, is hereby renewed, and such State of Emergency, along with all terms previously declared and ordered, shall continue in effect through **June 21, 2024**, unless earlier lifted or extended by Order of the Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States.

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 22nd day of May, A.D., 2024.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of stylized, overlapping loops and curves, positioned above a horizontal line.

Albert Bryan Jr.
Governor