



THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
GOVERNMENT HOUSE
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EXECUTIVE ORDER AND PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR
OF THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS
EXTENDING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY
IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States pursuant to Sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. § 1601, *et. seq.* and consistent with Section 1135 of the Social Security Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 1320b-5), declared a national emergency that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency beginning January 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the ongoing COVID-19 a pandemic of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency declaration for all states, tribes, territories, and the District of Columbia pursuant to Section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. § 5121-5207 (the ‘Stafford Act’); and

WHEREAS, the Governor issued Executive Order and Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 – Coronavirus Pandemic dated March 13, 2020 to coordinate the Territory’s response and protective actions to address the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) public health emergency and to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of residents and visitors located in the Virgin Islands (“Declaration of a State of Emergency”) and has supplemented such Executive Order and Proclamation with additional Orders; and

WHEREAS, the Governor established a VI Task Force on COVID-19 Preparedness, Response and Mitigation to work with territorial, local and federal partners in responding to challenges posed by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Governor designated the Commissioner of the Virgin Islands Department of Health (“DOH”) as the Incident Commander to direct the territorial response and directed the Commissioner of the Virgin Islands Department of Human Services and the Director of the Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency to provide any necessary support to the Incident Commander; and

WHEREAS, the DOH has organized a Public Health Incident Management Team to manage the public health impacts of COVID-19 in the Territory; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, the President of the United States declared that a major disaster exists in the Territory of the U.S. Virgin Islands based on COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the outbreak, as of June 2, 2022, has infected over 531 million people and killed over 6.3 million people around the world, including 1,002,993 deaths in the U.S., according to a tally reported by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) from official government figures, though the true numbers are believed to be far higher; and

WHEREAS, the Virgin Islands DOH received confirmation from the CDC that, as of June 1, 2022, as many as 20,039 persons, including 113 deceased persons, have tested positive for COVID-19 in the U.S. Virgin Islands and currently await results of tests conducted on additional individuals; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 23, Section 1005(d) of the Virgin Islands Code, the existing State of Emergency may not last longer than thirty (30) days unless renewed by the Governor and in order to extend the state of emergency beyond the first two 30-day periods, the Governor must submit legislation to the Legislature requesting an extension of the state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 23, Section 1005(d) of the Virgin Islands Code, the Governor has submitted a request and proposed legislation to extend the existing State of Emergency, initially declared on March 13, 2020, and as supplemented, renewed and extended, from June 9, 2022, to June 30, 2022, a 21-day period; and


WHEREAS, the need for the Territory of the United State Virgin Islands to remain in a State of Emergency while transitioning to a new normal for the safety of our people and our visitors is paramount.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert Bryan Jr., Governor of the United States Virgin Islands, by virtue of the authority granted to me by Section 11 of the Revised Organic Act of 1954, as amended, and Title 23, Section 1005(d) of the Virgin Islands Code, do hereby **DECLARE** as follows:

SECTION 1. The State of Emergency declared effective March 13, 2020, as renewed, supplemented, and extended, which is set to expire on June 9, 2022, is hereby extended for an additional 21 days, pursuant to Title 23, Section 1005(d) of the Virgin Islands Code, and such State of Emergency, along with all terms declared and ordered, as renewed, extended, and supplemented shall continue in full force and effect through **June 30, 2022**, unless earlier lifted or extended by order of the Governor of the United States Virgin Islands.

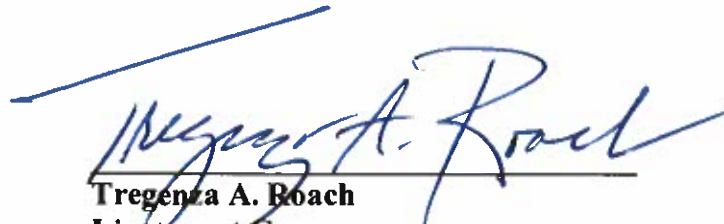
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Government of the United States Virgin Islands to be affixed at Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, this 3rd day of June, A.D., 2022.





Albert Bryan Jr.
Governor

ATTEST:



Tregenza A. Roach
Lieutenant Governor