



**THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS
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NATIONAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP MONTH 2021

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, during National Entrepreneurship Month, we celebrate the entrepreneurs who strengthen our economy, create jobs, and increase our prosperity; and

WHEREAS, every day, our Territory's entrepreneurs help enhance the lives of our citizens and businesses by reflecting the qualities that make the United States Virgin Islands great, including vision, responsibility, innovation, dedication and hard work; and

WHEREAS, entrepreneurs and employees have a significant role in bolstering our economic sustainability, and enhancing our communities, while expanding opportunities for all; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that entrepreneurs have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, which forced many businesses to close nationwide; and

WHEREAS, entrepreneurs continue to face persistent barriers to the capital, markets, and networks they need to start and grow their businesses; and

WHEREAS, resources are much needed for our entrepreneurs, including new loan and venture capital programs targeting the smallest businesses, small manufacturers, clean energy start-ups, and others, as well as investing in childcare, health care, and workforce development; and

WHEREAS, entrepreneurs are the lifeblood of our islands, and we salute small business owners, and employees for enhancing our communities and expanding opportunities for all; and

WHEREAS, the hard work and ingenuity of our islands' small businessmen and women help to sustain America's economic strength, and we continue to support our Territory's economic success by preparing the next generation of workers for the jobs of today and tomorrow.

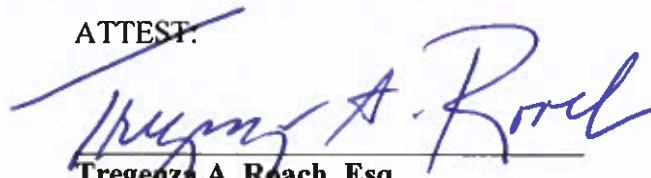
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert Bryan Jr., Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Revised Organic act of 1954, as amended, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2021 as National Entrepreneurship Month. I call upon the people of the Territory to support our local entrepreneurs and encourage the development of new small businesses to help grow our economy.

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, U.S. Virgin Islands, this 16th day of November, A.D. 2021.




Albert Bryan, Jr.
Governor

ATTEST:


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