



THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

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CRIME AND GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION DAY

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

A PROCLAMATION

The people of the United States Virgin Islands recognize the importance of feeling safe in our homes, schools, and communities. Further, the people of the United States Virgin Islands deplore senseless acts of violence, especially senseless gun-related incidents. The future of all of the residents of the Territory, especially our children, depends upon the level of collaboration between community organizations and parents, schools, church organizations, and government agencies. It is only through such partnerships that new ideas and concepts to deter gun violence can be fully implemented.

As a Territory we must set aside a day to solemnly recognize the tremendous toll and devastation that violence has taken and the many lives that have been affected. It is only fitting that we join together with local and national groups who work tirelessly to raise awareness and unify communities to actively combat gun violence. I encourage every citizen to recognize the role they have in reducing crime and violence in our communities and improving the quality of life we can offer the young people in the Virgin Islands.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John P. de Jongh, 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 Sunday, May 20, 2012, as Crime and Gun Violence Prevention Day to increase the consciousness of the community to reduce crime and stop violence. I call upon all residents of the Territory to join with me in observance of this occasion and to participate in the activities scheduled for this day. Further, I call upon all residents to contact the Virgin Islands Police Department, the Attorney General's Office, a Minister, friend or colleague and provide any information relevant to crimes which have been committed. Speaking out is the first step on the path to reduce the incidents of gun violence and crime in our community.

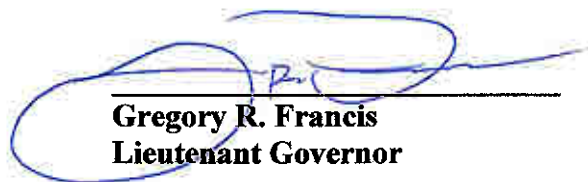
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Government of the United States Virgin Islands to be affixed at Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, this 2nd day of May, 2012, A.D.



John P. de Jongh, Jr.
Governor

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Attest:



Gregory R. Francis
Lieutenant Governor