



**THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS
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DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, distracted driving is a serious and preventable cause of crashes, injuries, and fatalities on our roads; and

WHEREAS, the use of mobile devices, including texting, talking, and other distractions, significantly impairs a driver's ability to focus and react to road conditions; and

WHEREAS, research confirms that distracted driving increases the risk of crashes, endangering drivers, passengers, and pedestrians alike; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness about the dangers of distracted driving and promoting safe driving practices can help reduce these preventable incidents; and

WHEREAS, each year in the U.S. Virgin Islands, distracted driving results in approximately 3,821 crashes, 556 injuries, and *two* fatalities; and

WHEREAS, staying attentive while driving helps prevent crashes involving vehicles, cyclists, and pedestrians, reducing injuries and saving lives; and

WHEREAS, it is essential for individuals, families, and communities to commit to making safe driving choices, always remain focused while behind the wheel, and to lead by example in promoting road safety.

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 April 2025 as "Distracted Driving Awareness Month"** in the Virgin Islands. We encourage all individuals to:

1. **stay focused:** refrain from texting, talking on the phone, or engaging in any distractions while driving.
2. **lead by example:** set the tone for others by demonstrating responsible driving behaviors.
3. **promote safety:** advocate for safe driving practices and share the message that focused driving saves lives.

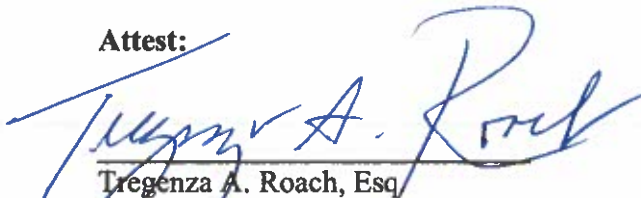
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States to be affixed at Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, this 2nd day of April, A. D. 2025.



Albert Bryan Jr.
Governor



Attest:



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Lieutenant Governor