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## **Blyden joins in commemoration of National Crime Victims' Rights Week; continues work with The Issachar K. Tigre Chinnery Foundation-Victims United, Inc.**

Senator Marvin Blyden joins with all Virgin Islanders in commemorating National Crime Victims Rights week, which is being observed nationwide during the week of April 24-30, 2022.

Since 1981, National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) has challenged the Nation to confront and remove barriers to achieving justice for all victims of crime. Each year, communities across the country revisit the history of the victims' rights movement, celebrate the progress made, and recommit to further advancements in the field.

The 2022 NCVRW theme is ***Rights, access, equity, for all victims***. The theme underscores the importance of helping crime survivors find their justice by—

- enforcing victims' rights,
- expanding access to services, and
- ensuring equity and inclusion for all.

Since 2010 the Issachar K. Tigre Chinnery Foundation-Victims United, Inc. has been engaged the commemoration of National Crime Victims Rights Week in the territory, and is spearheading this year's activities which will include the following:

- Saturday, April 23, 2022- Bucket Drop fund raising/awareness activity at various locations throughout the territory;
- Saturday, April 30, 2022—Awareness Walk—Roosevelt Park to Mandela Circle and back starting at 7 a.m.; and
- Saturday, April 30, 2022—Roosevelt Park—Activity Filled Family Fun-day with games, prizes, food & drinks.

“I have supported the Victims United organization from its inception, because I understand that all too often, the suffering of victims and their families are not given enough consideration,” said Senator Blyden. “My family, my team and I will be out in force to support this important cause, and I urge all Virgin Islanders to participate and show your support,” the senator concluded.

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