



**THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS
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PROCLAMATION OF THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in the year 1776, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence, asserting the right of the thirteen American colonies to self-governance and freedom from British rule, and thereby advancing the vision of those who would become America's Founding Fathers, including Alexander Hamilton; and

WHEREAS, this bold declaration laid the foundation for a new nation built on the principles of liberty, democracy, and justice; and

WHEREAS, over the past 250 years, the United States of America has grown from a fledgling republic into a global superpower, continually striving to uphold these foundational ideals; and

WHEREAS, in the year 2026, the United States will commemorate its 250th anniversary, also known as the Semiquincentennial; and

WHEREAS, this occasion offers a unique opportunity to reflect on the nation's journey, celebrate its achievements, and envision a robust future; and

WHEREAS, as we commemorate this significant milestone, Americans should work together to address the challenges of the 21st century and build a more equitable and prosperous society; and

WHEREAS, nationwide celebrations and events will be organized to engage and inspire citizens from all walks of life; these activities will include historical reenactments and exhibits, parades and festivals, public discussions and forums, and community service initiatives; and

WHEREAS, noteworthy events in celebration of the Semiquincentennial include the July 4th Celebration Beach Concert and Fireworks Display hosted by Our Town Frederiksted Association, the St. John Celebration Parade, and Washington, D.C.'s Independence Day Fireworks Display.

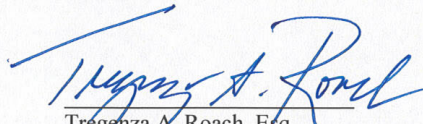
NOW, THEREFORE, I Albert Bryan Jr., Governor of the United States Virgin Islands, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Revised Organic Act of 1954, as amended, **do hereby proclaim Saturday, July 4, 2026**, as ***"The 250th Anniversary of American Independence"*** in the Territory. I encourage all Virgin Islanders to attend appropriate activities and ceremonies to commemorate the Semiquincentennial and honor the Founding Fathers of the Nation whose vision and sacrifice helped secure the freedom and democracy we enjoy as citizens of the United States of America.

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, United States Virgin Islands, this 25th day of June, A.D. 2026.




Albert Bryan Jr.
Governor

Attest:


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Lieutenant Governor