THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS
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GOVERNMENT HOUSE
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NOTARY PUBLIC DAY

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BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

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A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on November 7, 1639, Thomas Fugill was appointed as the first notary in the Colony of New Haven and is credited as America's first notary, and

WHEREAS, the first Notary Public Day was celebrated on November 7, 1975, to recognize notaries public for their public service and contributions to national and international commerce; and

WHEREAS, since ancient Roman times, notaries public have recorded matters of judicial and commercial importance and facilitated private transactions requiring professional skill and integrity; and

WHEREAS, the laws governing notaries public in the Virgin Islands, codified in Title 3, Chapter 29 of the Virgin Islands Code, empower the Lieutenant Governor to appoint and commission notaries public in the Territory; and

WHEREAS, the appointment and commissioning of notaries public is an important responsibility of the Lieutenant Governor that supports the integrity of the notarial process and the proper administration of these services in the Territory; and

WHEREAS, a Virgin Islands notary public is an individual appointed by the Lieutenant Governor to serve the public by performing notarial acts, including verifying the identities of signers and serving as an impartial witness to the execution of important documents; and

WHEREAS, notaries public provide an essential service to the community and are entrusted to perform their duties faithfully and with integrity; and

WHEREAS, serving the people of the Virgin Islands as a notary public is an honor bestowed upon the individuals who take the oath of office to serve our community with professionalism and pride; and

WHEREAS, Virgin Islands notaries public serve an essential role in helping to deter document fraud and forgery, thereby promoting trust and confidence in legal and commercial transactions; and

WHEREAS, the people of the Virgin Islands are encouraged to recognize notaries public for their outstanding service and contribution to the Territory.

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, November 7, 2026, as *"Notary Public Day"*** in the United States Virgin Islands and encourage all residents to recognize and commend the critical role notaries public play in serving our community and upholding the integrity of legal and commercial transactions.

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 20th day of October, A. D. 2026.

GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

Albert Bryan Jr.
Governor

Attest:

Tregenza A. Roach, Esq.
Lieutenant Governor