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PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH

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BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

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A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the gambling industry in the United States Virgin Islands significantly contributes to the local economy and the quality of life of our residents by creating hundreds of jobs in the public and private sectors, generating tax revenues used to support our schools, hospitals and health care facilities, and a host of other vital programs; and

WHEREAS, problem gambling, as opposed to responsible gambling, is a public health issue affecting millions of Americans of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds and has societal and economic costs to individuals, families, businesses, and communities in the U.S. Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, problem gambling is defined as all gambling behavior patterns that compromise, disrupt, or damage personal, family, or vocational pursuits; and

WHEREAS, problem gambling is treatable with therapy, medication, self-help groups, and treatment is effective in minimizing the adverse effects of problem gambling; and

WHEREAS, the Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission has taken the lead in the U.S. Virgin Islands to combat problem gambling through public service announcements, consumer education tools and resources, development and funding of counselor training, and other activities; and

WHEREAS, the National Council on Problem Gambling has designated March as Problem Gambling Awareness Month, and 2023 will be the 20th anniversary year of promoting public awareness, prevention, and recovery services related to problem gambling; and

WHEREAS, the Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission invites its partners, gambling and gaming establishments, public health organizations, treatment providers, advocacy groups, and other key stakeholders to join in raising awareness and promoting treatment for problem gambling and for all residents of the U.S. Virgin Islands to participate in Problem Gambling Awareness Month.
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 the Virgin Islands of 1954, as amended, do hereby proclaim March 2023 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month in the Virgin Islands of the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States to be affixed at Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, this 2nd day of February, 2023, A.D.

[Signature]
Albert Bryan, Jr.
Governor

Attest:

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Tregenza A. Roach, Esq.
Lieutenant Governor