



**THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
Charlotte Amalie, V.I. 00802  
340-774-0001**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 492-2019**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER TO DECLARE A STATE OF EXIGENCY**

**FOR THE JUAN F. LUIS HOSPITAL**

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**WHEREAS**, the Revised Organic Act of 1954 (as amended) Section 11 confers upon the Governor all executive powers, more particularly general supervision and control of all departments, bureaus, agencies, and other instrumentalities of the executive branch, in particular; the Virgin Islands Government Hospitals and Health Facilities Corporation; and the power to issue executive orders, including declarations of emergency and exigency; and

**WHEREAS**, Title 23, Section 1005(a), Virgin Islands Code, vests in the Governor the responsibility for meeting the dangers to the Territory of the United States Virgin Islands and its people presented by emergencies or major disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, Title 31, Section 239 Virgin Islands Code provides in part for relief to procurement and bidding procedures when there exists a threat to public health, safety or welfare under emergency conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, The Juan F. Luis Hospital incurred substantial physical damage to its facilities as a direct result of the passage of Hurricanes Irma and Maria through the Territory between September 6 and September 20, 2017 and subsequent deterioration of its infrastructure resulting from such damage; and

**WHEREAS**, such damage and deterioration of these healthcare facilities threatens the public health, safety, and welfare of the people of St. Croix; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the ongoing deterioration, it is necessary to undertake emergency procurements to abate any further decline to the infrastructure;

**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,

and the laws of the United States Virgin Islands, it is hereby ordered and declared as follows:

**SECTION 1.** A State of Public Exigency is in effect immediately for the Juan F. Luis Hospital and shall continue until lifted by Order of the Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States.

**SECTION 2.** In accordance with the provisions of Title 31 Virgin Islands Code Section 239, the Department of Health, the Virgin Islands Hospitals and Health Facilities Corporation, the Juan F. Luis Hospital and the Department of Property and Procurement are hereby authorized to undertake all actions necessary to effectuate immediate corrections to the conditions at the Juan F. Luis Hospital, in particular its air handling system and patient care and emergency room units.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Government of the Virgin Islands to be affixed at Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, this day of 3<sup>rd</sup> October, A.D., 2019.



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Albert Bryan Jr.  
Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tregenza A. Roach", written over a horizontal line.

Tregenza A. Roach  
Lieutenant Governor