



**THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
GOVERNMENT HOUSE
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340-774-0001**

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 506-2020

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS
AMENDING CONDITIONS UNDER THE STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE
UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS
DUE TO TROPICAL CYCLONE NINE**

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, On July 28, 2020, the National Hurricane Center placed the United States Virgin Islands under a Tropical Storm Warning based on the present course and forecast for **Tropical Cyclone Nine**, which has the capability of inflicting damage on residential, commercial, industrial and governmental facilities on the islands of St. Croix, St. Thomas, St. John, and Water Island; and

WHEREAS, The aforesaid Tropical Storm Warning means that tropical storm conditions are possible within the Territory, continuing generally for and within a period of 24-36 hours, with potential for severe weather, mostly heavy rain to continue through July 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Title 23, Section 1005(d), Virgin Islands Code, vests in the Governor the authority to declare a State of Emergency when it is determined that an emergency or major

disaster has occurred or is imminent; and

WHEREAS, On July 27, 2020, the Governor of the United States Virgin Islands, submitted a request for an Emergency Declaration by the President of the United States, in advance of the storm's impact; and

WHEREAS, On July 29, 2020, the Governor of the United States Virgin Islands, declared a State of Emergency in the Territory in order to protect the lives and property of the residents of the Territory, and activated all necessary and possible territorial resources under the Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency, other agencies and partners to complete the preparation necessary to protect life and property; and

WHEREAS, On July 29, 2020, the President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, declared that an emergency exists in the territory of the U.S. Virgin Islands and ordered Federal assistance to supplement the territory's response efforts due to the emergency conditions resulting from Potential Tropical Cyclone Nine beginning on July 27, 2020, and continuing; and

WHEREAS, On July 29, 2020, at 11:00 p.m. **Tropical Cyclone Nine was upgraded to Tropical Storm Isaias but passed over the Territory with winds averaging 20-30 miles per hour with gusts to 35 miles per hour and much needed rainfall;** and

WHEREAS, The Territory has been monitored, assessed, and inspected for flash floods, falling debris and mudslides, and the Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency (VITEMA) has determined that it is no longer necessary to impose a curfew and to retain State of Emergency to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Territory from the potentially dangerous effects of the passing of **Tropical Cyclone Nine;**

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert Bryan, Jr., Governor of the United States Virgin Islands, by virtue of the authority granted to me by Section 11 of the Revised Organic Act of 1954, as amended, and afore-cited sections of the Virgin Islands Code, do hereby DECLARE as follows:

SECTION 1. It is ORDERED, Paragraph 2 of Executive Order 505-2020, establishing a curfew in the Territory of the U.S. Virgin Islands during the State of Emergency declared due to Tropical Cyclone Nine on July 29, 2020, is hereby lifted effective 6:00 a.m. on July 30, 2020 and all U.S. Virgin Islands Government offices are to be open at 10:00 a.m. on July 30, 2020.

SECTION 2. It is ORDERED that the State of Emergency declared on July 29, 2020, in Executive Order 505-2020 is hereby terminated effective at 10:00 a.m. on July 30, 2020, irrespective and not affecting a State of Health Emergency originally declared on March 13, 2020 and as continued.

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 Christiansted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, this 30th day of July, A.D., 2020.



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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, Esq.
Lieutenant Governor