



THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS
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RESPONSIBLE GAMING EDUCATION MONTH

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the casino gaming industry of the Virgin Islands of the United States is an important component of our local economy and significantly contributes to the quality of life of all Virgin Islanders by creating hundreds of jobs in the public and private sectors, generating substantial tax revenues that support our schools, hospitals and health care facilities, sports and youth programs, and other vital public services; and

WHEREAS, the Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission, as the licensing and regulatory authority for the Territory's casino gaming industry, is committed to promoting responsible gaming education because the industry's long-term success depends, in part, upon informed, responsible, and educated players who view gambling as a form of entertainment; and

WHEREAS, each September, the Commission joins the American Gaming Association ("AGA"), the premier national trade association representing the casino gaming industry in the United States, and its members in observing Responsible Gaming Education Month ("RGEM"); and

WHEREAS, this observance marks the 28th anniversary of the AGA's efforts to promote responsible gaming and provide resources to gaming patrons across the nation. The AGA encourages every player "to play smart from the start" by having the right state of mind, knowing the game, and acting intentionally. The AGA further advises that setting boundaries and adhering to them, understanding the odds and rules of the game, creating a budget, taking breaks, and being aware of one's environment are important steps players should take to play smart from the start; and

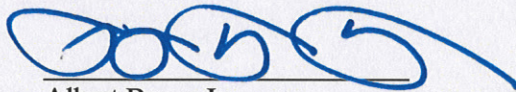
WHEREAS, the Commission has directed significant resources, including financial resources, to responsible gaming initiatives, including PlayWiseVI.org, a website providing information and resources concerning responsible gaming and problem gambling, and has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Virgin Islands Department of Health to

fund the training and certification of local counselors in the prevention and treatment of gambling disorders; and

WHEREAS, the Commission encourages all Virgin Islanders who choose to engage in gambling to do so responsibly and emphasizes the importance of understanding that gambling is a form of entertainment, not an investment.

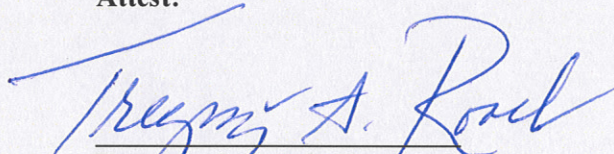
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert Bryan Jr., Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Revised Organic Act of 1954, as amended, **do hereby proclaim the month of September 2026 as “Responsible Gaming Education Month”** in the United States Virgin Islands. I urge all residents of the Territory to learn more about responsible gaming, make informed decisions when engaging in gambling activities, and take steps to prevent gambling addiction, severe financial debt, and other negative consequences associated with irresponsible gaming.

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 19th day of August, A.D. 2026.



Albert Bryan Jr.
Governor

Attest:



Tregenza A. Roach, Esq.
Lieutenant Governor