

BILL NO. _____

Thirty-Third Legislature of the Virgin Islands

A Resolution reorganizing and reestablishing the Majority Caucus, electing the officers, appointing the chairpersons, vice-chairpersons and members of the standing committees of the Thirty-Third Legislature

PROPOSED BY: Senators Alicia V. Barnes, Marvin A. Blyden, Allison L. DeGazon, Novelle E. Francis, Jr., Myron D. Jackson, Javan E. James, Sr., Steven D. Payne, Sr., and Janelle K. Sarauw

1 **WHEREAS**, section 6(g) of the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands grants the
2 Legislature of the Virgin Islands the authority to exercise all the attributes inherent in
3 legislative assemblies

4 **WHEREAS**, the election of its officers, establishment of committees, appointment of
5 members to the committees, and the general organization and reorganization of the body are
6 inherent powers of the Legislature,

7 **WHEREAS**, it has been a long-standing practice, as authorized by the Rules of the
8 Legislature, that the officers, committee chairpersons, and members on committees may be
9 elected by adoption of a resolution naming the officers, committees, chairs, vice-chairs and
10 members, and organizing or reorganizing the Legislature, and

11 **WHEREAS**, consistent with the authority granted by the Revised Organic Act of the
12 Virgin Islands, the purpose of this Resolution is to reorganize the Thirty-Third Legislature of
13 the Virgin Islands. Now, Therefore,

14 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:*

15 Section 1. (a) **THAT:** The Thirty-Third Legislature of the Virgin Islands adopts in
16 whole the document titled "Resolution for the Reorganization of the Thirty-Third Legislature

of the Virgin Islands,” dated May 14, 2019, signed by Senators Alicia V. Barnes, Marvin A. Blyden, Allison L. DeGazon, Novelle E. Francis, Jr., Myron D. Jackson, Javan E. James, Sr., Steven D. Payne, Sr., and Janelle K. Sarauw, attached as Appendix A and made part of this Resolution.

(b) **THAT:** The Majority Caucus is reestablished as consisting of Senators Alicia V. Barnes, Marvin A. Blyden, Allison L. DeGazon, Novelle E. Francis, Jr., Donna A. Frett-Gregory, Myron D. Jackson, Javan E. James, Sr., Steven D. Payne, Sr., Janelle K. Sarauw, Athneil “Bobby” Thomas, and Kurt A. Violet.

Section 2. THAT: The following members are elected to the offices of the Thirty-Third Legislature as provided in this section.

(a) Senator Novelle E. Francis is elected President.

(b) Senator Myron D. Jackson is elected Vice-President.

(c) Senator Alicia V. Barnes is elected Secretary.

(d) Senator Marvin A. Blyden is elected Majority Leader.

(e) Senator Athneil “Bobby” Thomas is elected Secretary for Intergovernmental and Territorial Affairs.

(f) Senator Allison L. DeGazon is elected liaison to the United States Congress.

(g) Senator Myron D. Jackson is elected Liaison to the United States Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs.

(h) Senator Kurt A. Violet is elected Liaison to the White House.

Section 3. THAT: The Standing Committees of the Thirty-Third Legislature are amended and reestablished, and the chairs, vice-chairs, and members of the committees are elected as provided in this section.

(a) Committee on Rules and Judiciary

Chair: Senator Donna A. Frett-Gregory

Vice-Chair: Senator Novelle E. Francis

Members: Senator Alicia V. Barnes

Senator Allison L. DeGazon

Senator Myron D. Jackson

Senator Steven D. Payne, Sr.

1 Senator Javan E. James, Sr.

2 **(b) Committee on Finance**

3 Chair: Senator Kurt A. Vialet

4 Vice-Chair: Senator Marvin A. Blyden

5 Members: Senator Athneil "Bobby" Thomas

6 Senator Alicia V. Barnes

7 Senator Dwayne M. DeGraff

8 Senator Donna A. Frett-Gregory

9 Senator Janelle K. Sarauw

10 **(c) Committee on Health, Hospitals and Human Services**

11 Chair: Senator Allison L. DeGazon

12 Vice-Chair: Senator Janelle K. Sarauw

13 Members: Senator Kurt A. Vialet

14 Senator Donna A. Frett-Gregory

15 Senator Alicia V. Barnes

16 Senator Marvin A. Blyden

17 Senator Stedmann Hodge, Jr.

18 **(d) Committee on Education and Workforce Development**

19 Chair: Senator Janelle K. Sarauw

20 Vice-Chair: Senator Kurt A. Vialet

21 Members: Senator Donna A. Frett-Gregory

22 Senator Myron D. Jackson

23 Senator Allison L. DeGazon

24 Senator Stedmann Hodge, Jr.

25 Senator Javan E. James, Sr.

1 **(e) Committee on Youth, Sports, Parks and Recreation**

2 Chair: Senator Javan E. James, Sr.

3 Vice-Chair: Senator Athneil "Bobby" Thomas

4 Members: Senator Dwayne M. DeGraff

5 Senator Kenneth L. Gittens

6 Senator Steven D. Payne, Sr.

7 Senator Janelle K. Sarauw

8 Senator Kurt A. Violet

9 **(f) Committee on Economic Development, Planning and Infrastructure**

10 Chair: Senator Alicia V. Barnes

11 Vice-Chair: Senator Myron D. Jackson

12 Members: Senator Oakland Benta

13 Senator Allison L. DeGazon

14 Senator Kenneth L. Gittens

15 Senator Dwayne M. Degraff

16 Senator Stedmann Hodge, Jr.

17 Senator Athneil "Bobby" Thomas

18 Senator Kurt A. Violet

19 **(g) Committee on Homeland Security, Justice and Public Safety**

20 Chair: Senator Steven D. Payne, Sr.

21 Vice-Chair: Senator Oakland Benta

22 Members: Senator Kenneth L. Gittens

23 Senator Donna A. Frett-Gregory

24 Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.

25 Senator Stedmann Hodge, Jr.

1 Senator Athneil "Bobby" Thomas

2 **(h) Committee on Government Operations, Consumer and Veteran Affairs**

3 Chair: Senator Athneil "Bobby" Thomas

4 Vice-Chair: Senator Dwayne M. DeGraff

5 Members: Senator Marvin A. Blyden

6 Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.

7 Senator Kenneth L. Gittens

8 Senator Oakland Benta

9 Senator Steven D. Payne, Sr.

10 **(i) Committee on Housing, Transportation and Telecommunications**

11 Chair: Senator Marvin A. Blyden

12 Vice-Chair: Senator Alicia Barnes

13 Members: Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.

14 Senator Kenneth L. Gittens

15 Senator Myron D. Jackson

16 Senator Javan E. James, Sr.

17 Senator Janelle K. Sarauw

18 **(j) Committee on Culture, Historic Preservation and Agriculture**

19 Chairman: Senator Myron D. Jackson

20 Vice-Chair: Senator Allison L. DeGazon

21 Members: Senator Oakland Benta

22 Senator Donna A. Frett-Gregory

23 Senator Stedmann Hodge, Jr.

24 Senator Javan E. James, Sr.

25 Senator Steven D. Payne, Sr.

(k) Committee of the Whole

Chair: Senator Novelle E. Francis

Vice-Chair: Senator Myron D. Jackson

Members: Senator Alicia V. Barnes

Senator Oakland Benta

Senator Marvin A. Blyden

Senator Dwayne M. DeGraff

Senator Allison L. DeGazon

Senator Donna A. Frett-Gregory

Senator Kenneth L. Gittens

Senator Stedmann Hodge, Jr.

Senator Javan E. James, Sr.

Senator Steven D. Payne, Sr.

Senator Janelle K. Sarauw

Senator Athneil "Bobby" Thomas

Senator Kurt A. Violet

SUMMARY

This Resolution reorganizes the Thirty-Third Legislature of the Virgin Islands and reestablishes the Majority Caucus.

BR19-0484/May 14, 2019/EEM

APPENDIX A

May 15, 2019

**RESOLUTION FOR THE REORGANIZATION
OF THE 33RD LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS**

BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT: We the undersigned, duly elected members of the Thirty-Third Legislature have met and proposed the reorganization of the Thirty-Third Legislature as provided by this Resolution.

THAT: The Majority Caucus of the Thirty-Third Legislature is reestablished as consisting of Senators Alicia V. Barnes, Marvin A. Blyden, Allison L. DeGazon, Novelle E. Francis, Jr., Donna A. Frett-Gregory, Myron D. Jackson, Javan E. James, Sr., Steven D. Payne, Sr., Janelle K. Sarauw, Athneil "Bobby" Thomas, and Kurt A. Violet.

THAT: The following members are elected to the offices of the Thirty-Third Legislature:

- (a) Senator Novelle E. Francis is elected President.
- (b) Senator Myron D. Jackson is elected Vice-President.
- (c) Senator Alicia V. Barnes is elected Secretary.
- (d) Senator Marvin A. Blyden is elected Majority Leader.
- (e) Senator Athneil "Bobby" Thomas is elected Secretary for Intergovernmental and Territorial Affairs.
- (f) Senator Allison L. DeGazon is elected liaison to the United States Congress.
- (g) Senator Myron D. Jackson is elected Liaison to the United States Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs.
- (h) Senator Kurt A. Violet is elected Liaison to the White House.

THAT: The Standing Committees of the Thirty-Third Legislature are amended and reestablished, and the chairs, vice-chairs, and members of the committees are elected as follows:

(a) Committee on Rules and Judiciary

Chair: Senator Donna A. Frett-Gregory
Vice-Chair: Senator Novelle E. Francis
Members: Senator Alicia V. Barnes
Senator Allison L. DeGazon
Senator Myron D. Jackson
Senator Steven D. Payne, Sr.
Senator Javan E. James, Sr.

(b) Committee on Finance

Chair: Senator Kurt A. Violet
Vice Chair: Senator Marvin A. Blyden
Members: Senator Athneil "Bobby" Thomas
Senator Alicia V. Barnes



Senator Dwayne M. DeGraff
 Senator Donna A. Frett-Gregory
 Senator Janelle K. Sarauw

(c) Committee on Health, Hospitals and Human Services

Chair: Senator Allison L. DeGazon
 Vice Chair: Senator Janelle K. Sarauw
 Members: Senator Kurt A. Vialet
 Senator Donna A. Frett-Gregory
 Senator Alicia V. Barnes
 Senator Marvin A. Blyden
 Senator Stedmann Hodge, Jr.

(d) Committee on Education and Workforce Development

Chair: Senator Janelle K. Sarauw
 Vice Chair: Senator Kurt A. Vialet
 Members: Senator Donna A. Frett-Gregory
 Senator Myron D. Jackson
 Senator Allison L. DeGazon
 Senator Stedmann Hodge, Jr.
 Senator Javan E. James, Sr.

(e) Committee on Youth, Sports, Parks and Recreation

Chair: Senator Javan E. James, Sr.
 Vice-Chair: Senator Athneil "Bobby" Thomas
 Members: Senator Dwayne M. DeGraff
 Senator Kenneth L. Gittens
 Senator Steven D. Payne, Sr.
 Senator Janelle K. Sarauw
 Senator Kurt A. Vialet

(f) Committee on Economic Development, Planning and Infrastructure

Chair: Senator Alicia V. Barnes
 Vice Chair: Senator Myron D. Jackson
 Members: Senator Oakland Benta
 Senator Allison L. DeGazon
 Senator Kenneth L. Gittens
 Senator Dwayne M. DeGraff
 Senator Stedmann Hodge, Jr.
 Senator Athneil "Bobby" Thomas
 Senator Kurt A. Vialet

(g) Committee on Homeland Security, Justice and Public Safety

Chair: Senator Steven D. Payne, Sr.
 Vice-Chair: Senator Oakland Benta
 Members: Senator Kenneth L. Gittens



Senator Donna A. Frett-Gregory
 Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.
 Senator Stedmann Hodge, Jr.
 Senator Athneil "Bobby" Thomas

(h) Committee on Government Operations, Consumer and Veteran Affairs

Chair: Senator Athneil "Bobby" Thomas
 Vice-Chair: Senator Dwayne M. DeGraff
 Members: Senator Marvin A. Blyden
 Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.
 Senator Kenneth L. Gittens
 Senator Oakland Benta
 Senator Steven D. Payne, Sr.

(i) Committee on Housing, Transportation and Telecommunications

Chair: Senator Marvin A. Blyden
 Vice-Chair: Senator Alicia V. Barnes
 Members: Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.
 Senator Kenneth L. Gittens
 Senator Myron D. Jackson
 Senator Javan E. James, Sr.
 Senator Janelle K. Sarauw

(j) Committee on Culture, Historic Preservation and Agriculture

Chairman: Senator Myron D. Jackson
 Vice-Chair: Senator Allison L. DeGazon
 Members: Senator Oakland Benta
 Senator Donna A. Frett-Gregory
 Senator Stedmann Hodge, Jr.
 Senator Javan E. James, Sr.
 Senator Steven D. Payne, Sr.

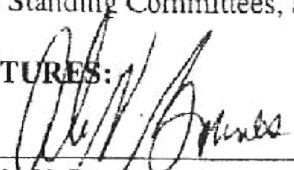
(k) Committee of the Whole

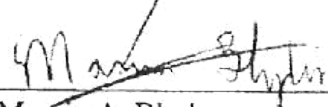
Chair: Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.
 Vice Chair: Senator Myron D. Jackson
 Members: Senator Alicia V. Barnes
 Senator Oakland Benta
 Senator Marvin A. Blyden
 Senator Dwayne M. DeGraff
 Senator Allison L. DeGazon
 Senator Donna A. Frett-Gregory
 Senator Kenneth L. Gittens
 Senator Stedmann Hodge, Jr.
 Senator Javan E. James, Sr.
 Senator Steven D. Payne, Sr.
 Senator Janelle K. Sarauw

Senator Athneil "Bobby" Thomas
 Senator Kurt A. Violet

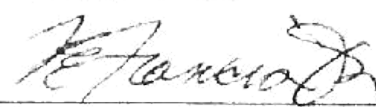
WHEREFORE, we, the undersigned members of the Thirty-Third Legislature, have affixed our signatures to this Resolution in St. Thomas on the date first written above, to be offered as the Majority Caucus' reorganization of the Thirty-Third Legislature, election of officers, amendment and reestablishment of Standing Committees, and election of chairs, vice-chairs and members of the Standing Committees, as set forth in this Resolution.

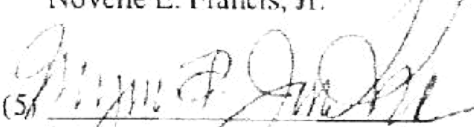
SIGNATURES:

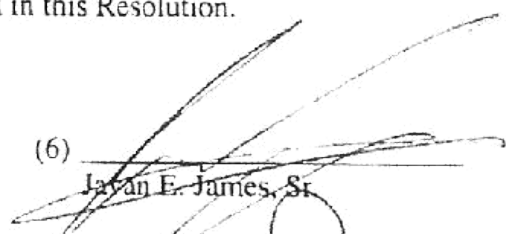
(1) 
 Alicia V. Barnes

(2) 
 Marvin A. Blyden

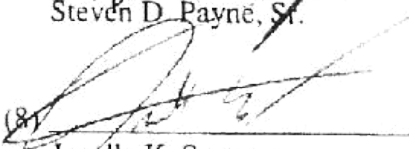
(3) 
 Allison L. DeGazon

(4) 
 Novelle E. Francis, Jr.

(5) 
 Myron D. Jackson

(6) 
 Javan E. James, Sr.

(7) 
 Steven D. Payne, Sr.

(8) 
 Janelle K. Sarauw

(9) _____
 Athneil "Bobby" Thomas

(10) _____
 Kurt A. Violet