



THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

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**RENEWAL ORDER AND PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR
OF THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS
DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE
VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES
DUE TO HURRICANES IRMA AND MARIA**

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

On September 6-7, 2017, the Virgin Islands of the United States suffered devastating damage from Hurricane Irma, generating destruction of epic proportions, loss of life, damage to residential, commercial, industrial and governmental facilities in the Territory.

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. As the damages to the Territory were imminent due to the projected path of Hurricane Irma, the Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States declared a State of Emergency on September 5, 2017 commencing at 12:01 a.m.

During the existing State of Emergency, the Territory of the Virgin Islands of the United States suffered extensive and devastating damage due to the passage of Hurricane Maria, a Category 5 hurricane, over the Territory, with the eye passing extremely near or over the District of St. Croix on Wednesday, September 20, 2017.

Pursuant to Title 23, Section 1005(d), the existing State of Emergency is in effect for thirty (30) days unless renewed by the Governor. As the Territory of the Virgin Islands of the United States has suffered an emergency and a major disaster due to Hurricanes Irma and Maria, the need for a state of emergency continues to exist in the Territory.

The Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States, in order to continue to protect the lives and property of the residents of the Territory finds it necessary to renew the State of Emergency declared on September 5, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Kenneth E. Mapp, Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States, by virtue of the authority granted 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:

1. That the State of Emergency declared effective **12:01 a.m. on September 5, 2017** is hereby renewed, and such State of Emergency, along with all terms previously declared and ordered, shall continue in effect through **February 2, 2018**, unless earlier lifted or extended by Order of the Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States.

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 Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, this 2nd day of January, A.D., 2018.





Kenneth E. Mapp
Governor