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**GOVERNOR MAPP TO TRAVEL TO GUAM AT THE INVITATION OF
THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR**

(May 31, 2015 St. Thomas, USVI) Governor Mapp will travel out of the territory to Guam on Sunday, May 31st. The Governor will return to the territory on Friday, June 12th, during his absence lieutenant Governor Osbert Potter will be acting Governor.

On Sunday May 31, 2015 Governor Kenneth E Mapp will travel to Guam at the invitation of the United States Department of the Interior. The purpose of this trip is to participate and present on the very important subject of Climate change and its effect on our Territory. The trip is centered on, the U.S. INSULAR AREAS CLIMATE CHANGE STAKEHOLDER MEETING. This meeting is between Federal Officials and the Governments of Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Governor Mapp will travel for two days before arriving in Guam, upon arriving he is expected to visit the University of Guam and tour the site of The Nature Conservancy Micronesia Program.

The next several days will be filled with meetings and discussions under the leadership of the Honorable Eddie Baza Calvo, Governor of Guam member, White House Task Force for Climate Preparedness and Resilience.

Meetings are scheduled to continue throughout the day, along with presentations by; The Honorable Madeline Z. Bordallo, Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives Christy Goldfuss, Acting Director, White House Council on Environmental Quality and The Honorable Sally Jewell, Secretary of the Interior

Meetings include but are not limited to;

Strengthening Insular Areas in Climate Change Adaptation and Resiliency Strategies presented by Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Esther Kia'aina, U.S. Department of the Interior

Climate Change Status Reports in the U.S. Territories Governments of: Guam, American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, U.S. Virgin Islands

U.S. International Development and Climate Change presented by
Winston Bowman, Acting Director of the Pacific Islands Office and Senior Global Climate Change Advisor, U.S. Agency for International Development

Disaster Preparedness, presented by the
U.S. Department of Homeland Security: Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Coast Guard
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Department of Defense:
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Pacific Command

Energy Needs and Planning, presented by the U.S. Department of the Interior: Office of Insular Affairs
U.S. Department of Energy: Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy
National Renewable Energy Laboratory

On Friday, June 5, The Nature Conservancy of the Virgin Islands will be presented to the assembly.
Followed by a discussion on Natural and Cultural Resources Management.

Meetings and appointments will be scheduled throughout the trip to furtherance the Governors goals for the Territory.

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