



THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

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**2014 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SEASON
ST. CROIX CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL 2014-2015**

A PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

**TO PROVIDE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE
ST. CROIX CRUCIAN CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL
AND GUBERNATORIAL INAUGURAL CEREMONY**

The Christmas holiday season is one of merriment, joy and gathering of family and friends to enjoy and pass on the many cultural traditions of the festive occasion. During this holiday season, hundreds of visitors come to our islands to enjoy the sights and sounds of the Territory. Christmas Day (December 25, 2014) and New Year's Day (January 1, 2015) are both legal holidays, and have fallen on a Thursday. Christmas Second Day (December 26, 2014) is also a legal holiday pursuant to Virgin Islands Code, Title 1, section 171 and falls on a Friday.

The Food, Arts and Craft Fair will be held on Tuesday, December 30, 2014, and the traditional St. Croix Crucian Christmas Carnival J'ouvert will be held on the morning of Thursday, January 1, 2015.

The St. Croix Crucian Christmas Carnival Children's Parade will be held on Friday, January 2, 2015. The St. Croix Adult's Carnival Parade will be held on Saturday, January 3, 2015. Three King's Day, a Territory-wide legal holiday pursuant to Virgin Islands Code, Title 1, section 171, is Tuesday, January 6, 2015.

The St. Croix Crucian Christmas Carnival provides a boost to our economy and helps to promote an understanding and appreciation of our culture. It is also an opportunity for Virgin Islanders to play the role of goodwill ambassadors for the Territory.

Once every four years it is also during this season that we inaugurate the new incoming Governor and Lieutenant Governor. It is fitting and appropriate to grant administrative leave to government employees and to encourage the participation of all residents of the Virgin Islands to attend the inaugural ceremony.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John P. de Jongh, Jr., Governor of the United States Virgin Islands, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands of 1954, as amended, and Title 1, Chapter 11, section 171, Virgin Islands Code, do hereby authorize Commissioners and Agency Heads to grant Administrative Leave to non-essential employees working in the Government of the Virgin Islands, as designated below, to enjoy the carnival season, to encourage greater participation in the J'ouvert, Carnival Food, Arts & Craft Fair, and Children's Parade; and enhance the celebration of the Christmas Carnival by all residents and visitors and to attend the inaugural ceremony for the new incoming Governor and Lieutenant Governor as follows:

ST. CROIX ONLY:

Tuesday, December 30, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
St. Croix Carnival Food, Arts and Craft Fair

TERRITORY WIDE:

Wednesday, December 24, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve

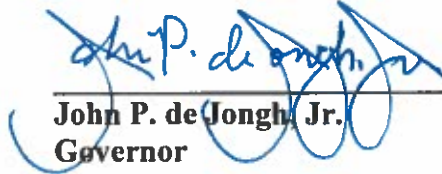
Wednesday, December 31, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
New Year's Eve

Friday January 2, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
St. Croix Children Carnival Parade

Monday January 5, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Inaugural Ceremony

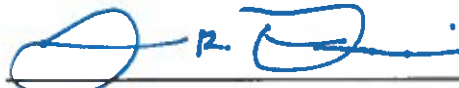
The leave granted above shall not apply to essential employees and employees on a regular or rotating shift. Employees on annual or sick leave immediately preceding or immediately following the time period administrative leave is granted, will not receive administrative leave. Future leave will not be granted to employees who are considered essential and/or whose shift happens to fall on a day in which other employees are granted administrative leave.

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 18th day of December, 2014, A.D.



John P. de Jongh Jr.
Governor

ATTEST:



Gregory R. Francis
Lieutenant Governor

