



**THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS
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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the week of January 26, 2020 through February 1, 2020 is being celebrated across the U.S. mainland and its territories as National Catholic Schools Week; and

WHEREAS, the theme for the 2020 celebration is “Catholic Schools: Learn, Lead, Serve”; and

WHEREAS, Catholic education strives to instill values in every student, teacher and school administrator; and

WHEREAS, in the U.S. Virgin Islands, Catholic education was introduced on St. Thomas in the mid-1800s; and

WHEREAS, today there are four Catholic Schools in the U.S. Virgin Islands, namely St. Peter and Paul School on St. Thomas, and St. Mary’s, St. Patrick’s and St. Joseph Catholic Schools on St. Croix; and

WHEREAS, these Catholic Schools have contributed to the Virgin Islands Communities by instilling value, character and compassion in their students and continue to do so today; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Virgin Islands is please to recognize and applaud the outstanding work in education being done by the Catholic Schools in the Territory.

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 week of January 26, 2020 through February 1, 2020 as *Catholic Schools Week* in

the Virgin Islands. I urge all residents to recognize the important contributions these schools make toward the development of our children and youth and our community at large.

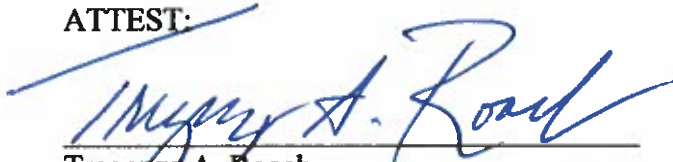
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 22 day of January, 2020. A.D





Albert Bryan, Jr.
Governor

ATTEST:



Tregenza A. Roach
Lieutenant Governor