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BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, it comes my painful duty to announce to the people of the Virgin Islands of the United States, that the Chief Executive, WARREN G. HARDING, President of the United States of America, departed this life on Thursday, August 2nd, 1923;

AND WHEREAS, the President of the United States, CALVIN COOLIDGE, has directed that the Executive Departments of the Federal Government of the United States, be closed at one o'clock, post meridian, on Tuesday, August the 7th, and remain closed through Friday, August the 10th, 1923; and that a period of mourning be instituted to expire at midnight September the 3rd, 1923;

AND WHEREAS, the President of the United States has set apart Friday, August 10th, 1923, as a day of National Mourning and prayer for the late Chief Executive;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HENRY H. HOUGH, Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States, hereby direct that all activities of the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States, except those necessary in the Public Welfare, be suspended between one o'clock, post meridian, on Tuesday, August the 7th, and twelve midnight on Friday, August the 10th, 1923; that all official flags be at halfmast on all public

buildings, both military and civil, between eight o'clock, anti meridian, and sunset each day, through Monday, September the 3rd, 1923; that all officials, civil and military, connected with the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States, wear a badge of mourning on the left arm, midway between the shoulder and the elbow, consisting of a band of black crepe, or other similar material, three inches wide; that no official entertainments by officers of the United States be held until December first, 1923; and that an official service be held at the Marine Barracks, in the town of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands of the United States, at the hour of eight thirty, anti meridian, on Friday, August 10th, 1923, which service all are urged to attend for the purpose of offering prayer for the repose of the Soul of the Great and Good President.

I do further earnestly recommend that the people of the Virgin Islands cease their daily occupations on Friday, August the 10th, 1923, to enable them to attend this official service and to congregate in their respective places of worship for such additional services as may be held therein.

After many years of labor in the service of the people of the United States, our Chief Executive, PRESIDENT HARDING, has gone to his reward. Possibly no President since President LINCOLN, has been called upon to bear a greater burden than has PRESIDENT HARDING during the reconstruction period following the World War, the tremendous responsibilities incident to the successful prosecution of the war broke down the health of his predecessor; the equally heavy burdens which PRESIDENT HARDING has had to carry through the transition period from war to peaceful prosperity, has proven more than he could bear. As a soldier lays down his life for his country, so has PRESIDENT HARDING laid down his life in the service of the people he loved so well.

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.

Issued at St. Thomas, Virgin Islands of the United States, this fifth day of August, 1923.

HENRY H. HOUGH,
Governor.

Publication

SECTION 31 of the Ordinance concerning Public Roads in St. Croix, approved July 14, 1923 to take effect from July 1, 1923, reads thus:

"To provide for the maintenance and operation of the road machinery there shall be levied, assessed and collected by the Government from and after July 1, 1923, the following semi annual fees which shall be payable on January 1st and July 1st respectively:

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| (a) For passenger carrying automobiles not exceeding 2,200 lbs. | Francs 40 00 |
| (b) For passenger carrying automobiles from 2,200 to 3,000 lbs. weight | " 50 00 |
| (c) For passenger carrying automobiles above 3,000 lbs. weight. | " 75.00 |
| (d) For Auto Trucks or other freight vehicles under 3,000 lbs. | " 50.00 |
| (e) For Auto Trucks or other freight vehicles above 3,000 lbs. | " 125.00 |
| (f) For Auto Truck Trailers per ton capacity per trailer | " 25.00 |

In default of this tax not being paid it shall be collected in the same manner as provided in the Horse, Carriage and Boat Tax Ordinance.

* New licenses issued within the period shall be paid for proportionately."

The taxes due according to the above section for the second half of 1923 became due on July 1, 1923 and will be payable at the Police Offices on September 1, 1923 in the same manner as the Horse, Carriage and Boat Tax.

Tax-lists will be distributed by the Police Department and are required to be correctly filled out and returned to the respective Police Offices 2 days after receipt in the towns and 4 days after receipt in the country.

Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States of America, St. Croix, August 3, 1923.

R. E. BARRETT,
Despatching Secretary.