



THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

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NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

PROCLAMATION

The Voting Rights Act was a landmark piece of federal legislation that ended racial discrimination in voting, enforcing that voting rights for all are guaranteed by the 14th and 15th Amendments.

The victory of the Voting Rights Act helped to diversify the electorate and legislative bodies in government, making a more representative body. America commemorated the 53rd anniversary of the Voting Rights Act on August 6, 2018.

The Elections System of the Virgin Islands motto is *Your Voice is Your Vote and Your Vote is Your Voice*. National Voter Registration Day will be a day when every qualified resident and Virgin Islander makes sure that his or her friends and family are all registered to vote.

The Elections System of the Virgin Islands is committed to encouraging voter registration and increasing access to elections. The residents of the Territory support new and innovative methods of registration, as well as continuing efforts by our election officials to play an active role in registering qualified citizens.

Voter registration is required in order to vote in the Virgin Islands, and the need for public education and information on voter registration is critical as Virgin Islanders prepare to take part in the November 2018 elections. Each qualified resident has not only a right to vote, but also a civic obligation and responsibility to do so. The Territory of the Virgin Islands of the United States encourages all qualified residents to register to vote.

NOW, THEREFORE, NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth E. Mapp, Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands, as amended, do hereby proclaim September 25, 2018 as *National Voter Registration Day* in the Virgin Islands. I call upon all residents of the Territory to register and exercise their right to vote so that *their vote can be their voice!*

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 24th day of September, A. D. 2018.



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Kenneth E. Mapp
Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'O. Potter', written over a horizontal line.

Osbert E. Potter
Lieutenant Governor