



**THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS**  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
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**NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK**

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

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**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the year 2026 marks the 89th anniversary of the National Apprenticeship Act, landmark legislation that established the Registered Apprenticeship system in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, National Apprenticeship Week is a nationwide celebration during which employers, labor organizations, community-based organizations, workforce partners, and state and local government agencies highlight the value and impact of Registered Apprenticeship programs in their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Virgin Islands State Apprenticeship Office continues to champion the vital role Registered Apprenticeships play in expanding opportunities for residents of the Territory by allowing apprentices to earn while they learn, preparing them for quality, well-paying careers, and providing pathways for continued advancement; and

**WHEREAS**, Registered Apprenticeship programs are an employer-driven model that enables businesses to develop and train a skilled workforce while offering career seekers affordable pathways to secure high-quality employment; and

**WHEREAS**, the advancement and well-being of the U.S. Virgin Islands depend upon our ability to intentionally engage and prepare residents including individuals from historically underserved and marginalized communities to participate in our evolving and dynamic economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Virgin Islands recognizes that Registered Apprenticeship, a proven and industry-driven training model, strengthens our workforce and builds sustainable pipelines into quality careers while addressing pressing workforce challenges, including infrastructure

development, supply chain resilience, and workforce needs in critical sectors such as healthcare, education, construction, and maritime industries.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Albert Bryan Jr., Governor of the United States Virgin Islands, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Revised Organic Act of 1954, as amended, **do hereby proclaim that Sunday, April 26, 2026, through Saturday, May 2, 2026, is “National Apprenticeship Week”** in the U.S. Virgin Islands. I encourage all residents, employers, educators, and workforce partners to recognize and support the continued growth of Registered Apprenticeship programs throughout the Territory.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D., 2026.



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Albert Bryan Jr.  
Governor

**Attest:**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tregenza A. Roach", written over a horizontal line.

Tregenza A. Roach, Esq.  
Lieutenant Governor