



**THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
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## **AMATEUR RADIO WEEK**

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

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### **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, US Virgin Islands Amateur Radio Operators work with Federal and local emergency service organizations to provide emergency communications during severe weather, natural disasters, and power outages; and

**WHEREAS**, the US Virgin Islands is home to more than 150 amateur radio operators; and

**WHEREAS**, the US Virgin Islands recognizes and appreciates the diligence of these "HAMS" who also serve as volunteers in the capacity of emergency communication in support of local Emergency Management Agency (VITEMA) under the directions of Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and Auxiliary Communications (AUXCOMM); and

**WHEREAS**, US Virgin Islands Amateur Radio Operators generously donate time and equipment to provide communication support to local service clubs, organizations, charities; and

**WHEREAS**, US Virgin Islands Amateur Radio Operators continue to improve their communications skills and will operate the twenty-four-hour emergency communications simulation known as "Field Day" on June 28-29, 2025. The theme for 2025 is "Radio Connects"; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme “Radio Connects” highlights the many ways that wireless technology connects people across distances near and far. The event is part picnic, campout, practice for emergencies, informal contest, and most of all, fun! ARRL Field Day is the most popular ham radio activity held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend in June each year, more than 31,000 hams get together with their radio clubs, schools, or friends to operate from remote locations; and


**WHEREAS**, this annual event, organized by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), is a time for radio amateurs to operate from the field, showcasing their skills and promoting the hobby; and

**WHEREAS**, Ham radio provides a connection — both for practical communications and to form relationships with fellow radio amateurs. No matter who you are, or what your background or interests are, if you have an interest in radio and wireless technology, radio connects you with others.

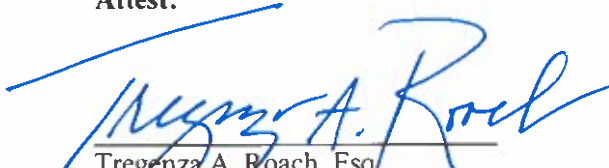
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Albert Bryan Jr., Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Revised Organic Act of 1954, as amended, **do hereby proclaim the week of June 23-29, 2025, as “Amateur Radio Week.”** I urge all people of the Virgin Islands to honor all Amateur Radio Operators.

**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, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, A.D. 2025.



  
Albert Bryan Jr.  
Governor

**Attest:**

  
Tregenza A. Roach, Esq.  
Lieutenant Governor