



**THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
Charlotte Amalie, V.I. 00802  
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**TO RECOGNIZE  
THE GUAINIA TAINO TRIBE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS**

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

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**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Guainía Taino Tribe of the Virgin Islands, a Native American tribal entity, was formalized in the United States Virgin Islands in July 2012 to strive to protect and preserve the culture, and promote the socio-economic welfare of the descendants of the Taino Indian Peoples who settled in the Virgin Islands and the wider Caribbean before the first encounter with Europeans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Guainía Taino Tribe of the Virgin Islands is composed of well-mannered and friendly people that have always been known for their peaceful demeanor and diplomacy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Guainía Taino Tribe of the Virgin Islands continues to preserve and promote Taino culture, history, religion, traditions, institutions, tribal government, and language; and

**WHEREAS**, the Guainía Taino Tribe of the Virgin Islands was recognized by the United Confederation of Taino People on December 2, 2012, to, whenever possible, implement joint or mutually supported cultural and economic exchange programs and to hold intertribal meetings between these indigenous representative institutions.

**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 recognize the Guainía Taino Tribe of the Virgin Islands as an indigenous American Indian Tribe of the Virgin Islands, for the purpose of assisting this tribal entity in establishing eligibility for federal health benefits, federal education benefits, housing benefits, job training, land use, and the right to engage in traditional religious practices and ceremonies.

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Government of the United States Virgin Islands to be affixed at Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, this 28th day of June, 2021.



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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