



THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS
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CONTRACTOR FRAUD AWARENESS WEEK

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, each year, the U.S. Virgin Islands experiences tropical systems, hurricanes, earthquakes, or other natural disasters, all of which have the potential to cause catastrophic effects, including serious damage and the total destruction of homes and other private property; and

WHEREAS, during the stressful and exhausting period following such disasters, homeowners are particularly vulnerable to predatory practices, including fraudulent schemes by dishonest contractors who inflate reconstruction costs; and

WHEREAS, these predatory practices by unscrupulous contractors ultimately increase costs for consumers by driving up insurance premiums and forcing insurers to reevaluate risk and the insurance coverage extended in the Territory; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that an effective public outreach campaign highlights the various types of contractor fraud schemes to help educate consumers on how to identify and avoid such schemes; and

WHEREAS, the National Insurance Crime Bureau encourages Virgin Islanders to obtain at least three written estimates when hiring a contractor, verify contractor credentials, and work closely with insurers throughout the rebuilding process; and

WHEREAS, the National Insurance Crime Bureau, in collaboration with its local and state partners in the U.S. Virgin Islands, including law enforcement, first responders, legislators, and state officials, are committed to educating Virgin Islanders about predatory practices by dishonest contractors; and

WHEREAS, the people of the U.S. Virgin Islands are encouraged to become familiar with

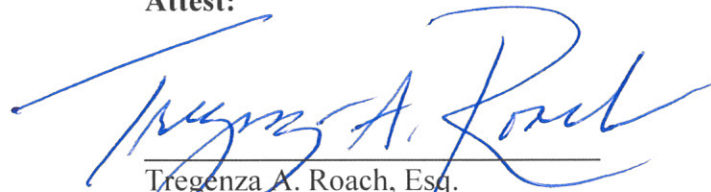
contractor fraud and to participate in the various programs during Contractor Fraud Awareness Week, May 18 – 22, 2026.

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 the week of May 18-22, 2026 as “Contractor Fraud Awareness Week”** in the U.S. Virgin Islands. I urge all residents of the Territory to participate in activities that raise awareness of contractor fraud, so that through our collective vigilance, we may prevent and deter the bad actors and better protect the people of the Virgin Islands.

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 25th day of April A.D., 2026.




Albert Bryan Jr.
Governor

Attest:

Tregenza A. Roach, Esq.
Lieutenant Governor



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A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, each year, the U.S. Virgin Islands faces catastrophic events such as hurricanes, tropical systems, earthquakes, and other natural disasters, all of which carry the potential to cause serious damage - or even worse, total destruction – to private property and homes; and

WHEREAS, following disasters, stressed and strained homeowners are vulnerable to predatory practices from dishonest contractors fraudulently inflating repair or rebuilding costs; and

WHEREAS, predatory practices by unscrupulous contractors taking advantage of these stressful scenarios ultimately increase costs for consumers by driving up insurance premiums and forcing insurers to re-evaluate risk; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that an effective public outreach campaign highlights the various types of contractor fraud schemes to help educate consumers on how to identify and avoid such schemes; and

WHEREAS, National Insurance Crime Bureau encourages Virgin Islanders to get at least three written estimates when hiring a contractor, check contractor credentials, and work closely with insurers during the entire rebuilding process; and

WHEREAS, the National Insurance Crime Bureau, in collaboration with its local and state partners in the U.S. Virgin Islanders, including law enforcement, first responders, legislators, and

territorial officials, are committed to educating Virgin Islanders about predatory practices by dishonest contractors; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the U.S. Virgin Islands are encouraged to become familiar with contractor fraud and participate in the various programs during Contractor Fraud Awareness Week on May 19-23, 2025.

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 May 19-23, 2025 as "Contractor Fraud Awareness Week"** throughout the Territory. I call everyone to join the National Insurance Crime Bureau in spreading awareness of Contractor Fraud Awareness Week and recommend all to learn about practices to be careful of contractor fraud.

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 29th day of April, A. D. 2025.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Albert Bryan Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

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