



**THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS**  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
**Charlotte Amalie, V.I. 00802**  
**340-774-0001**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 537d – 2024**

**RENEWAL ORDER AND PROCLAMATION  
BY THE GOVERNOR  
OF THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS  
EXTENDING THE STATE OF ENERGY EMERGENCY IN THE  
UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS  
TO AVERT AN ENERGY CRISIS**

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**WHEREAS**, Title 23, Section 1005(a), Virgin Islands Code, vests in the Governor the responsibility for meeting the dangers to the Territory of the United States Virgin Islands and its people presented by emergencies or major disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, for months leading up to April 2024, the inability of independent government agencies to timely pay the Water and Power Authority (WAPA) for its services impacted WAPA's ability to pay its critical vendors, resulting in curtailing of power generation; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 22, 2024, the Governor issued Executive Order 537-2024, declaring a State of Emergency to avert an emergency crisis in the United States Virgin Islands; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States, to protect the lives and property of the residents of the Territory found it necessary to renew and extend the State of Emergency on May 22, 2024, for an additional 30 days through Executive Order 537a-2024; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 14, 2024, the Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States requested an additional 90-day extension from the Legislature of the Virgin Islands; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 27, 2024, the Legislature of the Virgin Islands passed Bill No. 35-0292 and approved the request to extend the State of Emergency through September 19, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Albert Bryan Jr. approved and signed into law Bill No. 35-0292, now Act No. 8839; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Albert Bryan Jr. requested an additional 60-day extension from the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on September 13, 2024 for the State of Emergency that expired on September 19, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature failed to schedule a hearing, within five days of Governor Bryan's request for an extension so by operation of law, the State of Emergency was automatically extended for an additional thirty days and is set to expire on October 20, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Territory continues to work through the process of mitigating the severe threat of insufficient and unreliable power generation in the USVI; and

WHEREAS, the Government of the Virgin Islands continues to take action to stabilize the production of energy in the Territory to ensure the delivery of critical services to its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert Bryan Jr., Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States, by virtue of the authority granted to me by Section 11 of the Revised Organic Act of 1954, as amended, and afore-cited sections of the Virgin Islands Code, do hereby **DECLARE** as follows:

1. The State of Emergency declared on **April 22, 2024**, renewed on May 22, 2024, subsequently renewed on June 24, 2024 and automatically extended on September 20, 2024 is set to expire on October 20, 2024 pursuant to Title 23, Section 1005(d) of the Virgin Islands Code, is hereby extended for an additional 60 days, and such State of Emergency along with all terms declared and ordered, shall continue in full force and effect through **December 20, 2024**, unless earlier lifted or extended by Order of the Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States.

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 \_\_\_\_th day of October, A.D., 2024.

  
Albert Bryan Jr.  
Governor

SEAL

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Novelle E. Francis  
President  
Thirty-Fifth Legislature of the Virgin Islands