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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks

The Honorable Marvin A. Blyden, Vice Chair
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The Honorable Alma Francis Heyliger
The Honorable Novelle E. Francis, Jr.
The Honorable Franklin D. Johnson
The Honorable Milton E. Potter

FROM: Angel L. Bolques, Jr. *Angel L. Bolques Jr.*
Chairman, Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks

DATE: February 22, 2023

**RE: REVISED-AGENDA Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, & Parks
Committee Hearing: Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 10:00 AM**

The Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks has scheduled a hearing on **Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 10:00 AM** in the **Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room in St. Croix** to receive testimony and updates regarding the progress and challenges associated with our upcoming 175th Anniversary of the Emancipation Celebration. We will receive information from representatives of the 175th Emancipation Commemoration Committee, local government agencies, committees, and commissions with jurisdiction and roles over the 175th Emancipation Celebration, and other organizations and stakeholders relevant to this historic event.

BLOCK I: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Updates and the status of preparations for the 175th Emancipation Commemoration Committee, including reporting from the sub-committees, timelines, tasks, roles, responsibilities, and any challenges that the committee is facing, in addition to the stakeholders, non-profit organizations, and Government agencies with jurisdiction, roles, and responsibilities with the 175th Emancipation Celebration and how they plan to assist the 175th Emancipation Commemoration Committee.

Invited Testifiers:

Former Senator Carol M. Burke and other 175th Emancipation Commemoration Committee Members,
Chairwoman, 175th Emancipation Commemoration Committee

The Honorable JP Oriol,
Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources

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Invited Testifiers (continued):

Mr. Sean Krigger,
Deputy SHPO, State Historic Preservation Office/VI Historic Preservation Commission

The Honorable Joseph Boschulte,
Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Tourism

Ms. Luana Wheatley,
President, St. Thomas Historical Trust

Ms. Frandelle Gerard,
Executive Director, Crucian Heritage and Nature Tourism

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