



Testimony on the Status of the Virgin Islands 175th Emancipation Commemoration Committee

35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands

Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks

Presented By Chairwoman Carol M. Burke

Good morning, Honorable Angel Bolques, Chairman and Honorable members of the Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports, and Parks, and other distinguished members of the 35th Legislature. I am Carol Burke, Chairwoman of the 175th Emancipation Commemoration Committee. I am accompanied by the Honorable Myron Jackson, Chairman of the Committee on Research, Data Collection, and Digitization; Jelani Ritter, Co-Chair of the Committee on Media and Communication; and Roland Roebuck, Advisor to the 175th ECC.

Today, I come before you, deeply honored and profoundly humbled, as we convene to deliberate matters of immense consequence to the essence of the U.S. Virgin Islands' cultural identity. With gratitude and reverence, I commend each member of this august committee for your unwavering dedication to nurturing our heritage and safeguarding the legacy of emancipation. It is with utmost privilege that I share insights and perspectives on the proceedings of the 175th Emancipation Commemoration Committee.

Our journey today transports us back to a watershed moment 175 years ago when the unwavering courage of our forebears shattered the chains of enslavement. On that historic day of July 3, 1848, a defiant rebellion was ignited – a beacon of hope that would ultimately dismantle years of unrighteousness, oppression, and bondage. This legacy, etched in the annals of our history, implores us to be steadfast in upholding the values for which they valiantly fought.

As a people, we are the custodians of stories, entrusted with passing down narratives to the generations yet to come. Through our music that resonates like ancestral echoes, our festivals that infuse life into history's chapters, our meticulously curated museums, and the tireless efforts of our culture bearers – both formal and informal – we ensure that our history remains vibrant, our voices endure, and our heritage stands resolute. It is within this intricate weave of collective memory that we find our strength, our resilience, and our purpose.

Today's hearing is not just about the work and focus of a group of individuals at a moment in time; it is an opportunity for us to continue to uphold our charge to solidify and shore up the bridge that connects us to the indomitable spirit of those who took a stand against tyranny. It is our collective responsibility not only to celebrate the passage of 175 years, but to ensure that the fire that burned within those who sought justice in the face of adversity remains unquenched. For that reason, during our recent commemoration, we not only paid homage to the 175 "Keepers of the Flame" whose lives and contributions have illuminated our path, but we also

honored the “Living Legends of Culture” among us, bearing witness to the passage of time while carrying the torch of tradition forward.

The 175th Emancipation Commemoration Committee, of which I am humbled to serve as Chairwoman, has embarked on a journey marked by achievement, dedication, and foresight. The architecture of our efforts is fortified by meticulous planning, executed programs, and an unwavering commitment to seize both immediate and future opportunities. Among our triumphs is the restoration of Buddhoe Park, a sacred site steeped in historical significance. There is no way this committee could proceed forward in celebration without noticing, attending to, and fixing the poor state of Buddhoe Park. Our support of the poignant return of Anna Heegard’s remains to St. Croix has rekindled the connection to our past and instilled hope for a future where her legacy resonates through time. This reconnection to our history will secure our footing as we move forward as a people.

In the spirit of transparency, I present to you a comprehensive report encapsulating the essence of this year’s commemoration. This document sheds light on remarkable achievements, moments of introspection, areas earmarked for enhancement, a budgetary outline, and an overview of expenditures. Additionally, I extend insights into our ongoing archival and digitization initiatives alongside a visionary perspective for expanding awareness and infusing renewed vigor into this cherished commemoration.

VI175.com Website

- At its inception, there has been interest in extending the lifespan of the vi175.com website. It can chronicle the significant milestone of 175 years of Emancipation in the Virgin Islands with free access to all visitors. 2023 was celebrated with pride, exuberance, remembrance, and, importantly, interest. Interest in what happened during 1848, what happened before, and what followed up to the current day.
- The vi175.com website is a repository of valuable history and is an online place of honor for those Virgin Islanders who were critical agents of change in the quest for emancipation. There are two sections of the site. One that holds the names of those who have passed “The Keepers of the Flame,” and another section for those still with us, “The Living Legends,” who continue the mission of enriching and improving the lives of Virgin Islanders.
- Designed from the outset to be extensible, vi175.com is ready for updates, additional content, galleries, repositories, and other augmentation to the current site. This ability, when combined with the already compelling content onboard, makes the idea of extending the life of the site a valid one.
- We are suggesting at least five years of continuation for the site. There are costs, but they are modest compared to assembling and building something new. The site has received everywhere from 50 visitors a day at the beginning to 4500 per day during the Living Legends campaign, which saw an exceptional turnout in voting for the candidates. It is an excellent demonstration of democracy and a sober reflection of what Emancipation has enabled. But there is more to do and further to go. We feel the vi175.com website can be an essential part of that goal.
- **The critical matters to be addressed to extend the site into the future are basic but essential:**
 - 1. Web Hosting - Cloud-based with on-demand resources when required
 - 2. Security - The site has an enhanced SSL Certificate and 24/7 monitoring against malware or vandalism
 - 3. Content Updates
 - 4. CMS Core Engine Updates
 - 5. Plug-In and Ancillary Software Updates

- 6. Licenses for software currently being used on the site
- 7. Content Delivery Network for fast serving of content and images
- 8. Daily Back Ups
- 9. 100% Renewable Energy Matching
- \$284/mo, including basic content updates

Capital Projects

Emancipation-Capital Projects Pending Completion

- Emancipation Drive- @ entrance-construct columns with stepped landscaping
- Install Emancipation Drive on columns (both directions)
- Install new Sign @ intersection of Hannah’s Rest and Emancipation Drive
- Claude O Markoe School- Interactive outdoor display area at front of school with waysides and landscaping. Complete the four queen's metal statue to be displayed. Install. Install benches and signage. Final product depicts a historical walking field trip.
- Sign at intersection of Emancipation drive(just past P.O.) Welcome to Freedom City.
- Beautify Emancipation Drive with potted plants as is doable not to impact pedestrian or vehicle flow.
- Complete work at Budhoe Park - installation of waysides with historical information and signage—joint Maintenance plan /Sports, Parks, and Recreation for upkeep of the irrigation system and grounds.
- Across from Paul E. Joseph Stadium -Rest area/ large interactive percussion display and waysides, benches, and new landscaping.
- Signage packaging for welcome signs and historical landmarks throughout the territory. (STT, STX and STJ)
- Emancipation Garden- enhancement
- Cruz Bay - enhancement
- STT Emancipation Garden - Wall with Keepers of the Flame
- STJ - Wall with Keepers of the Flame
- STX -Christiansted - Wall with Keepers of the Flame

While I am humbled by the opportunity to serve the people of the Virgin Islands through my service to the Commemoration Committee, I am also incredibly proud of what we have achieved thus far, and I am encouraged to envision and declare that we can accomplish much, much more. Our committee was gratified to secure the talents of nationally renowned speaker and activist Roslyn Brock, Chairman Emeritus of the NAACP National Board of Directors, to deliver a powerful keynote address at our culminating ceremony on July 3rd.

Working with a dynamic public relations agency, we were able to gain local, regional, and national exposure for the Territory using timely press releases, interviews, and media attention. Some highlights include coverage in more than 30 publications, including Essence Magazine and leading travel and tourism-focused outlets, and over 700 syndicated stories. Through our efforts to share our unique emancipation story far and wide, we reached an audience of nearly 5 million people, reminding them of the Territory’s significant role in the universal fight for freedom from oppression and tyranny. Our work resulted in an estimated public relations value to the Territory of more than \$5.6 million.

Working with the same agency, we produced informative and culturally sensitive ads and flyers to keep Virgin Islanders engaged and excited about upcoming events and executed the “Living Legends” concepts to recognize that our history is not only a matter of knowing the past but also acknowledging the importance and impact of

our current and future decisions and actions. Through various events and discussions such as the Holy Mass, the Fort-to-Fort Ride, Race, and Walk, the Mini Emancipation Parade, the Ceremonial Libation to the Ancestors, the Official Emancipation Ceremony, Emancipation Luncheon on the Pier, the “Clear de Road Art Exhibit”, and culminating with the “Unshackled Music Festival.” We have been faithful to uphold the mission of the Committee.

It is with utmost gratitude that we highlight the unwavering support of the corporate sponsors of the United States Virgin Islands 175th Emancipation Celebration. They are Viya, Cruzan Rum, The Buccaneer Hotel, Royal Caribbean Cruise Line, First Bank, Tropical Shipping, Liberty VI, and Diageo USVI. This corporate support will continue through July 2024. We generated \$225, 350.00 in corporate sponsorship (monetary contributions) and \$6, 000. 00 is sales of promotional items and other in-kind donations.

So, as I share elements of the 175th as it evolves, I also provide notice that on September 13, 2023, the Honorable Albert Bryan, Jr., through Executive Order 531-2023, amended Executive Order 522-2022, “to extend the duration of the 175th Emancipation Commemoration Committee” to July 31, 2024. The Executive Order lists the accomplishments of the 175th ECC as well as our plans for the completion of the restoration of Buddhoe Park, the enhancement of Emancipation Drive, the design and building of a monument for the “Keepers of the Flame,” plans to maintain and expand our vi175.com website, and other educational and cultural initiatives.

Recently, some members of the 175th Emancipation Commemoration Committee spent a week in Washington, D.C., the nation’s capital. We acted upon an invitation by Congresswoman Stacey Plaskett to attend the Congressional Black Caucus Foundations’ 52nd Annual Legislative Conference. We also met with officials. of the Danish Embassy and visited the African American Museum.

- The 52nd Annual legislative conference occurred at the Walter E. Wahington Convention Center from September 20-24, 2023. Our illustrious Congresswoman, Stacey Plaskett, served as honorary co-chair along with Senator Raphael Warnock, who led in provocative discussions that tackled the pressing challenges that define our times. This policy forum elicited critical discussions, innovative solutions, and a shared vision for progress. The conference theme, “Securing Our Democracy, Protecting Our Freedoms, Uplifting Our Culture,” was highlighted through interactive forums and tremendous networking opportunities.
- The Danish Embassy visit left us optimistic about reconnecting and resetting our relationship. We discussed the freedom fighters and whether the Danish government would be amenable to sharing or giving the Virgin Islands historical documents, images, and artifacts. The highlight of the meeting was the strong possibilities for Virgin Islanders to receive scholarships to study in Denmark. We also shared ideas about tourism and energy.
- The African American Museum provided the impetus for us to pursue the Smithsonian Institute regarding memorializing aspects of our 175th celebration.

An event as culturally and historically meaningful as the 175th anniversary of Emancipation demands executive sponsorship to ensure its significance is adequately appreciated. We believe the time continues to be ripe to build on the Committee’s successes and momentum.

Our vision for moving forward includes several key elements:

- Promoting Cultural Tourism: The Virgin Islands can capitalize on its rich history and cultural heritage related to Emancipation to attract cultural tourists interested in learning about its past. This could involve

guided tours, historical reenactments, and cultural festivals and will require public-private collaboration to ensure the many facets of the Territory's cultural landscape are represented.

- Diversity Marketing: Partner with the Department of Tourism to target the African-American market as a key growth opportunity, especially the groups and meetings market.
- Education Partnerships: Collaborate with universities and research institutions to create educational programs highlighting the significance of VI's Emancipation history. This could involve workshops, seminars, and online courses.
- National Media: Collaborate with UVI to strengthen ties with African-American journalists through the National Association of Black Journalists.
- Media Campaigns: Develop national media campaigns to share the story of VI emancipation through stories, podcasts, and broadcast television.
- Media Hospitality: Coordinate year-long media visits to the Territory.
- Public Awareness Campaign: Launch a public awareness campaign to inform residents about the significance of the commemoration and encourage year-long participation.
- Cultural Exchange Programs: Foster cultural exchange programs with neighboring Caribbean nations to share knowledge and experiences related to our common history and the impact on our communities, especially the future generation.

Looking ahead, I wholeheartedly endorse the strategic pathways outlined in your well-considered documentation. By harnessing the potency of our history and cultural heritage surrounding emancipation, we are poised to cultivate cultural tourism, engage diverse markets, and forge educational partnerships that echo the significance of our journey. Collaborative efforts with academia, research institutions, and national media channels will play a pivotal role in amplifying awareness and perpetuating our legacy.

Moreover, let us embark on international endeavors, fostering cultural exchange programs with neighboring Caribbean nations, as we endeavor to deepen our shared understanding of our intertwined past and the transformative impact it has on our present and future generations.

In closing, the 175th Emancipation Commemoration Committee expects this year to be a testament to our unwavering unity. This cohesion mirrors the courage of those who dared to defy the unrighteous powers previously held them in bondage, an agreement that channels the unyielding strength flowing within our veins. As Chairwoman of the Committee, I am deeply grateful for your relentless support and tireless dedication to this noble cause. Together, let us continue to illuminate the path of liberation, empowering future generations to embrace their history, stand tall in their heritage, and shape a future that embodies the ideals of freedom and justice.

May the blessings of providence forever grace the Virgin Islands of the United States.

Thank you.

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606320 04	TRAVEL	07/10/2023	661.00	82235	PARADISE TRAVEL CORPORATION	Tvl
606320 04	TRAVEL	07/25/2023	960.00	82278	PARADISE TRAVEL CORPORATION	Tvl
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606320 04	TRAVEL	08/11/2023	323.00	83657	PARADISE TRAVEL CORPORATION	Tvl
606320 04	ADVERTISING & PROMOTION	07/03/2023	700.00	6048938	PEO PRODUCTIONS, LLC	Ad and promotion
606320 04	ADVERTISING & PROMOTION	07/03/2023	250.00	6048938	PEO PRODUCTIONS, LLC	Advertising
606320 04	OTHER SERVICES NOC	07/13/2023	1,050.00	82236	POWERHOUSE ENTERTAINMENT GROUP, LLC	Musical Production Services fo
606320 04	ADVERTISING & PROMOTION	08/15/2023	2,350.00	83678	PULSE OF THE CARIBBEAN, LLC	Ads. for 175th ECC.
606320 04	ADVERTISING & PROMOTION	08/15/2023	3,850.00	83678	PULSE OF THE CARIBBEAN, LLC	Ads. for175th Ecc.
606320 04	ADVERTISING & PROMOTION	08/15/2023	1,350.00	83678	PULSE OF THE CARIBBEAN, LLC	Ads for 175th ECC
606320 03	FOOD & CATERING	07/18/2023	19,950.00	6048955	PURPLES CATERING SERVICE	Food and Catering
606320 04	RENTAL MACHINES/EQUIPMENT	08/03/2023	29,850.00	6049441	PURPLES CATERING SERVICE	Services Rendered to 175th ECC
606320 04	TRAVEL / CASH ADVANCE	09/11/2023	2,398.70	6050107	RITTER, JELANI	Tvl
606320 04	TRAVEL	08/11/2023	563.30	6050377	RITTER, JELANI	Tvl
606320 04	TRAVEL	06/30/2023	1,165.23	81993	ROB DEROCKER & ASSOCIATES, INC.	Services Rendered For OOG.
606320 03	FOOD & CATERING	05/10/2023	9,800.00	79347	SAVOR ST. CROIX LLC.	Food and Catering
606320 03	FOOD & CATERING	05/10/2023	2,300.00	79750	SAVOR ST. CROIX LLC.	Food and catering Inv.# 1185
606320 03	FOOD & CATERING	07/12/2023	4,000.00	81996	SAVOR ST. CROIX LLC.	Food and Catering
606320 03	FOOD & CATERING	08/23/2023	425.00	83680	SAVOR ST. CROIX LLC.	Food and catering
606320 04	PURCHASE BULK AIRLINE TICKETS	07/25/2023	7,500.00	6049260	SEA FLIGHT	TICKETS
606320 04	PURCHASE BULK AIRLINE TICKETS	07/26/2023	6,995.00	6049261	SEABORNE VIRGIN ISLANDS, INC.	Travel
606320 03	FOOD & CATERING	04/04/2023	245.00	6046804	SEASIDE MARKET & DELI LLC.	Food for 175th Emancipation Co

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60632003	RING	04/04/2023	245.00	6046804	NET & DELI LLC.	th Emancipation Co
60632004	ES NOC	05/18/2023	7,000.00	6047933	/A	ng Services for 1
60632004	ES NOC	06/13/2023	297.00	80986	HNUMA	es for 175th Eman
60632004	& PROMOTION	07/13/2023	402.00	6049001		Emancipation Com
60632004) BINDING	06/26/2023	1,320.00	6047940	BINESS MACHINES INC.	ices for 175th Em
60632004	ES NOC	07/13/2023	5,000.00	6049003	UNDATION FOR COMMUNITY	mancipation Plena
60632004	INTENANCE	08/18/2023	600.00	6050403	UTO DETAILING, LLC	aintenance
60632004	ES NOC	07/18/2023	8,604.20	6049013	, INC.	dered to 175th Ema
60632004	ES NOC	07/05/2023	1,000.00	81303	JRT OF THE V.I.	ces for 175th Ema
60632004		08/03/2023	14,320.56	6049467	ER, INC.	
60632003	RING	07/03/2023	4,000.00	6049208	TERING	
60632004	& PROMOTION	07/12/2023	450.00	6049139	L	Emancipation
60632004) BINDING	07/12/2023	1,320.00	6049139	L	75th
60632004		08/01/2023	269.69	6049753	UNITY FUND, LLC	
60632004		08/01/2023	290.51	6049896	UNITY FUND, LLC	
60632004		08/01/2023	539.38	6050430	UNITY FUND, LLC	
60632003	RING	04/14/2023	1,030.00	6046755	RD0	ring
60632004	. SERVICES	06/13/2023	10,820.45	81007		Service
60632004	. SERVICES	06/13/2023	16,000.00	81007		Service
	PAID INVOICES TO-DATE		552,761.18			
AL PROJECTED EXPENSES			649,081.32			

Project Name	Committee	Date	Amount
Unveiling of the new and renovated areas and historical sites along Emancipation Drive and in Frederiksted on St. Croix and enhancements of Emancipation Garden on St. Thomas	Capital Projects	Freedom Week 2023 to July 3, 2023	\$300,000.00
Keepers of the Flame Reception	Full Committee	December 2022 KOF	\$20,000.00
175 Hours of Emancipation through Movement, Music, and Dance (school and adult ages - in and out of school)	Cultural Affairs	December 2022 - July 2023	\$74,500.00
Local Art Exhibition/Art Exhibit	Cultural Affairs	June - July 2023	\$50,000.00
175th Emancipation Commemoration Documentary Broadcasted on WTJX and in movie theaters across the Virgin Islands	Research and Data Collection	June - July 2023	\$50,000.00
Emancipation Exhibit from Ghana to the USVI	Research and Data Collection	June - July 2023	\$50,000.00
Maroon Ridge Exhibit	Research and Data Collection	June - July 2023	\$50,000.00
Music Festival branded by top artists connected to the 175th Emancipation Commemoration	Full Committee	June - July 2023	\$500,000.00
Emancipation Theme Song	Full Committee	June - July 2023	\$60,000.00
Living Legends Reception	Full Committee	March 31, 2023	\$15,000.00
Health and Fitness Expose and Education, especially important given the high rates of diabetes and hypertension seen among the population and rooted in the enslaved habituating to eating too much sugar and left-over scraps (poor diet) thrown out by plantation owners.	Full Committee	June - July 2023	\$10,000.00
Cracking the Code: A Mental Journey From Slavery to Emancipation	Education and Public Display	March 31, 2023	\$45,000.00
App and Hosting	Education and Public Display	June - July 2023	\$53,000.00
Souvenirs	Full Committee	Sourced in the USVI and on the mainland by or before February 2023	\$100,000.00
175th Emancipation Commemoration Website Design and Maintenance	Communications and Media	September 2023 - Ongoing	\$30,000.00
Survey Monkey and In Person Campaigns	Volunteerism and Recruitment	October 2022 - June 2023	\$10,000
Liberty Day in Grove Place with 175th Emancipation Commemoration Presence on November 2022	Full Committee	Liberty Day on November 1, 2022	\$5,000.00

St. Thomas 175th Emancipation Commemoration Event	Full Committee	Freedom Week	\$60,000.00
St. John 175th Emancipation Commemoration Event	Full Committee	Freedom Week	\$60,000.00
2023 Signature Event - 175th Emancipation Commemoration - July 3rd	Full Committee	July 3, 2023	\$100,000.00
Total			\$1,642,500.00