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Greetings,

My name is Dale Wathey, also known as, Ras Jahred. I'm the owner of Natural Vibes. I began working with Vaughn Benjamin in 2001 when I was involved in promoting VI reggae music. When I saw the potential of the lead singer of the Midnite band I was inspired to promote the music starting in the Boston area where I was living at the time.

Eventually I had the opportunity to travel with the band serving under many different hats. During this time people from all different walks of life were exposed to the works of Vaughn Benjamin and Midnite. Shortly after, I was given the task to executive produce several different albums.

Anyone who has worked with Vaughn Benjamin can testify to his natural musical abilities and the level of consciousness he conveyed through his music. Vaughn Benjamin is known and loved internationally for his inspirational, conscious, and uplifting works through his lyrical content.

This monument and naming of the waterfront park is necessary for the Virgin Islanders to know, remember and keep inspired by one of our own for their worldwide contributions. Vaughn Benjamin was a father, educator, scholar, musician and so much more. I am in full support of bill No. 35-0030. I pray whoever is in charge of bringing this bill forward takes this into full consideration. Thank you in advance.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ras Jahred', with a stylized, cursive script.

Ras Jahred
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