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Honorable Novelle E. Francis Senate President Thirty-Fifth Legislature of the Virgin Islands Capitol Building St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00802

Re: Nomination of Anna Wallace Francis – Virgin Islands Territorial Park Trust Fund, Board of Trustees

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with the provisions of Title 32, chapter 2A of the Virgin Islands Code, I hereby nominate Mrs. Anna Wallace Francis, who resides on St Thomas, to the Virgin Islands Territorial Park Board of Trustees for the District of St. Thomas. The term of appointment is five (5) years.

Accordingly, it is my pleasure to ask the advice and consent of the Thirty-Fifth Legislature on this nomination. A copy of Mrs. Francis' resume is enclosed for your review.

Your prompt and favorable confirmation will enhance the Board's ability to meet its robust agenda and serve the people of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Sincerely,

Albert Bryan Jr

Governor

Enclosure

Cc: Senator Diane T. Capehart

Chair, Committee on Rules and Judiciary

Anna Wallace Francis

P.O. Box 305037 VDS St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00803 MsWallaceFrancis@yahoo.com

PROFESSIONAL OBJECTIVE: to promote a love and respect for the Virgin Islands; while teaching the importance of knowing our history, culture, and environmental heritage.

EDUCATION:

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Howard University, Washington, D.C. M.Ed., Curriculum Development and Teaching December 1985

Fisk University, Nashville, TN. B.A., Biology and Spanish December 1979

CONTINUING EDUCATION:

UVI Cooperative Extension Service
Continuing Education Classes in:
Computer Technology, Batik Art, Agriculture, and Cooperatives
250 participation hours from 2013-2019

St. Thomas-St. John district Science Institute
Department of Education Bi-Yearly training Sessions
100 participation hours from 2006 to 2009

SKILLS:

- *Ability to design and develop instructional packages and power point programs.
- *Knowledge and experience in designing and creating, painting wood crafts, using various carpentry tools
- *Ability to capture the natural beauty of our environment on canvas & through photography
- *Seamstress with a Love for African style clothing, and working with Tie Dye & Batik
- *Unlimited desire to expand the knowledge of young people in their history, culture, creative arts and the value of their environment.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

SECONDARY SCIENCE TEACHER (January 1981 –1983, & December 1985 – August 2013)

Virgin Islands Department of Education, St. Thomas, V.I.

Taught 7th grade life, physical and environmental science. Taught 8th grade chemistry, physical and environmental science.

Taught 9th & 10th grade physical and earth science

TEACHING ASSISTANT (August 1985- December 1985)

Center for Academic Reinforcement Howard University, Washington, D.C.

Taught Expository Writing to college freshmen class

CAMP COUNSELOR (June 1985 - August 1985) 4-H Summer Program

St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

Taught and gave practical experiences in basic skills in Agriculture. Special emphasis was placed on the utilization of local produce for landscaping in an attractive and practical manner.

GRADUATE ASSISTANT (August 1984-May 1985) Instructional Materials Center Howard University, Washington, D.C.

Responsibilities included maintaining the entry and withdrawal of cards in card catalog; shelved books and other materials; assisted with the storing, retrieval, and getting up of audio visual and computer equipment; assisted with the ordering of supplies and books for the I.M.C.; typed all correspondence

SCIENCE TEACHER (January 1981 – June1984) VI Department of Education, St. Thomas Taught 7th grade life science, 9th grade physical science, and 10th grade biology.

COMPUTER OPERATOR (January 1980 – January 1981) Psychological Resources, Atlanta, Ga. Organized, graded and entered test scores and personal histories into the computer, via a CRT, for computer evaluation of psychological personality tests; transmitted cases via modem; updated data from master disks onto magnetic tapes; maintained alumni mailing lists for Atlanta University Complex colleges.

PARK AID (May – August 1978 and May – August 1977) VI National Park, Interpretation Department, St. Thomas – St. John.

In St. John, performed as snorkel instructor and trail guide. Operated information center at the Cinnamon Bay Museum; arranged displays of Indian and African artifacts and organisms from the Echinodermata Phylum. Accessed library books and classified "visitor spotted" animals.

In St. Thomas, maintained visitor information center; typed correspondence and answered information requests on park activities.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE / SERVICE:

- *2021-Present: Environmental & Cultural History Instructor for Ascension Livity, Inc.,
 I See Us VI Cultural Heritage Education Video Media & Technology Project
- * 2014-2015: Volunteer Elective Teacher at the VI Montessori School and Peter Gruber International Academy
- * 2009-Present: EAST
- *2008-Present: Pan African Association Host Cultural educational events and informational radio programs
- *2007- 2010: VI Resource Conservation & Development Council Inc.,
- *2003-Present: Environmental Rangers Educational Youth Group,
- *2003-Present: Founders of Camp Umoja -- An Environmental Educational Campground, with the mission to acquire, protect, preserve and enhance environmentally sensitive land and educate the community about the value of our natural resources.
- *1983-1985: Science/Arts & Crafts Teacher Ujamma Shule Elementary School, Washington D.C.
- *1980-1981 Atlanta Botanical Gardens & Exodus Right to Read Academy
- *1975 Virgin Islands Fish & Wildlife

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PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP

*2022: Member of Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Alpha Chi Chapter

*2007- 2010: VI Resource Conservation & Development Council Inc.,

*2007-2009 Faith Wesleyan Church Trustee Board

*1998-Present – Member Pan African Support Group

AWARDS/HONORS:

2004 The African Diaspora Youth Development Foundation, Inc. ANKH Award

2004 U.S. EPA environmental Quality Award

2006 U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Award

2006 Pan African Support Group Mawina Konyate Daughter of Africa Award

2007 Carnival Cultural Fair Winners in the Plant Division

2009 Bordeaux Farmers Rastafari Agricultural & Cultural Fair Award for working with Youth

2009 Named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International

2012 The 14th Caribbean Urban and Community Forestry Conference educational Award 10-26-2012

2015 Helen Glessing Community Services Award

2022 Ascension Livity, Inc. Cultural Heritage Recognition

2023 We Grow Food Honorary Farmers of the Year Award

COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS / CONFERENCES / PUBLICATIONS / RADIO PROGRAMS

2003-2006 - Newsletter - Environmental Rangers Speak

2006 - "Health from Your Garden" * Healing Wisdom from Our Elders * A Collection of Plant Information & Healthy food Suggestions, written by Mrs. Cleone Beverhoudt & The Environmental Rangers

2006 -U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Conference on the Health of Coral Reefs - Power Point presentations

2006, 2008, 2010, 2012 - Asante Sana Award Program - honoring Environmental, Historical, Cultural Leaders in our community

2010 – 10th DPNR Nonpoint Pollution Conference – 3 Power Point presentations on Gut studies and 2 Displays on Beach Pollution, and Recycling in the VI

2012 Power point presentation on "Ensuring That Community Knowledge in Urban Forestry/Environmental Science is sustained by Developing Teen Mentors for Future Generations "at the 14th Caribbean Urban & Community Forestry Conference UVI 10-27-2012

2013 St. Croix - PSA –competition /presentation on clean water; ecosystem habitat protection; turtle protection 2013-Present – Co-Host radio programs on Community Activism and Culture & Environmental Topics