



THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

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ST. THOMAS CARNIVAL 2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

A PROCLAMATION

**TO PROVIDE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE
ST. THOMAS CARNIVAL IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS**

The United States Virgin Islands will be celebrating the St. Thomas 2019 Carnival.

The theme for this year carnival is *Culture, Fun and Flair! It's a Carnival 2019 Affair.*

The Virgin Islands' St. Thomas Carnival has become one of the region's top festivals, attracting thousands of people to the islands.

The name of this year's Carnival Village is *Coggie's Musical Ville* in honor of Michael Coggins.

This year's Virgin Islands' Carnival Food, Arts and Crafts Fair is named *Bathe in Waters Blue* honoring the Charlotte Amalie Class of 1972. It will be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 commencing at 8:00 a.m. in the Emancipation Garden.

J'ouvert will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2019.

The Children's Carnival Parade will be held on Friday, May 3, 2019 and the Adult's Parade will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019.

During this historical and festive season hundreds of families, friends, visitors, and supporters will be visiting the Territory to enjoy and partake of our cultural activities, and the sights and sounds of Carnival.

This annual celebration provides a tremendous financial boost to our economy and helps to promote a greater understanding and appreciation of Carnival and our culture.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Albert Bryan Jr., Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands of 1954, as amended, do hereby authorize Commissioners and Agency Heads to grant Administrative Leave to non-essential employees, in order to encourage greater participation in the Food Fair, and to enhance the celebration of the Virgin Islands Carnival by all residents and visitors, as follows:

DISTRICT OF ST. THOMAS/ST. JOHN ONLY (ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE)

Wednesday, May 1, 2019 - Food, Arts and Crafts Fair Day – 12:00 p.m. (noon) to 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 2, 2019 – J’ouvert – 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

TERRITORY-WIDE

Friday, May 3, 2019 – Children’s Parade Day – 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The leave granted above shall not apply to essential employees and employees on a regular or rotating shift. Employees on annual or sick leave immediately preceding or immediately following the time period administrative leave is granted, will not receive administrative leave. Future leave will not be substituted for employees who are considered essential and/or whose shift happens to fall on a day in which other employees are granted administrative leave.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Government of the United States Virgin Islands to be affixed at Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, this 23rd day of April, 2019, A.D.




Albert Bryan Jr.
Governor