

ACT NO. 8704

BILL NO. 35-0009

THIRTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Regular Session

2023

An Act amending title 1 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 11, section 171(a) relating to the observance of national holidays and enacting The Juneteenth National Independence Day Act to declare June 19 a legal holiday in the Virgin Islands

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. This act may be cited as The Juneteenth National Independence Day Act.

SECTION 2. Title 1 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 11, section 171, subsection (a) is amended in the following instances:

(a) Insert the following language after “Last Monday in May (Memorial Day)”: “June 19 (Juneteenth National Independence Day)”

(b) After the first sentence, insert the following language:

“Any national holidays listed in this subsection must be observed on the specific date unless observed on another date by the federal government.”

(c) In the second sentence, insert “local” before “holiday”.

SECTION 3. Title 1 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 11 is amended by adding section 200/ that reads as follows:

“§200/. Juneteenth National Independence Day


(a) The Commissioner of the Department of Education shall reproduce and disseminate information on the significance of the Juneteenth National Independence Day to all public, private and parochial schools.

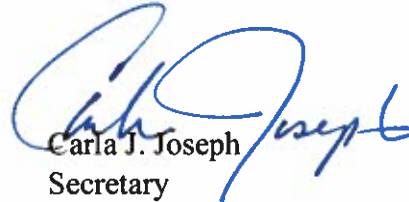
(b) The Commissioner of Education shall also organize and publicize events throughout public schools for the celebration of the Juneteenth National Independence Day.

Thus passed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on April 14, 2023.

Witness our Hands and Seal of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands this 18th Day of April, A.D., 2023.




Novelle E. Francis, Jr.
President


Carla J. Joseph
Secretary

Bill No. 35-0009 is hereby approved.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Government of the United States Virgin Islands at Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, This 25th day of April, 2023 A.D.




Albert Bryan Jr.
Governor