

## THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
GOVERNMENT HOUSE
Charlotte Amalie, V.I. 00802
340-774-0001

October 5, 2018

## **VIA MESSENGER**

The Honorable Myron D. Jackson Senate President Third-Second Legislature of the Virgin Islands Capitol Building St. Thomas, V.I. 00802

Re: Governor's Action on Bill Nos. 32-0255, 32-0268, 32-0269, 32-0270, 32-0271, 32-0272, 32-0273, 32-0274, 32-0275, 32-0276, 32-0277, 32-0278, 32-0280, 32-0281, 32-0282, 32-0283, 32-0284, 32-0285, 32-0286, 32-0287, 32-0288, 32-0289, 32-0290, 32-0292, 32-0293, 32-0294, 32-0295, 32-0299, 32-0300, 32-0302, 32-0303, 32-0304, 32-0306, 32-0307, 32-0311

Dear Mr. President:

I write to advise you that, pursuant to Section 9(d) of the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands of 1954 as amended, I have today acted on the following legislative bills.

I hereby approve Bill No. 32-0255, an Act amending Title 3, Virgin Islands Code, chapter 1, section 8(b), subsection (a) increasing the reimbursable amount that the Government of the Virgin Islands contributes towards the actual funeral expenses of a Veteran from \$3,500 to \$5,000.

I approve Bill No. 32-0268, an Act appropriating monies from the Anti-litter and Beautification Fund to the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019.

I approve Bill No. 32-0269, an Act providing for an appropriation for operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Board of Education from the General Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019.

Governor Kenneth E. Mapp's Transmittal Letter to Senate President Myron d. Jackson October 5, 2018

Re: Governor's Action on Bills passed during September 19, 2018 Session Page2

I approve Bill No. 32-0270, an Act providing an appropriation for operating expenses of the Business and Commercial Properties Revolving Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019.

I approve Bill No. 32-0271, an Act providing for an appropriation from the Caribbean Basin Initiative Fund for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019.

I approve Bill No. 32-0272, an Act providing for an appropriation of the Virgin Islands Career and Technical Education Board from the General Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019.

I approve Bill No. 32-0273, an Act appropriating monies for salaries and expenses of the Virgin Islands Board of Elections and the Office of the Supervisor of Elections for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019.

I approve Bill No. 32-0274, an Act appropriating funds from the Government Insurance Fund for operating expenses of the Department of Finance and the Department of Labor for fiscal year ending September 30, 2019.

I approve Bill No. 32-0275, an Act providing for the lump-sum appropriation from the Health Revolving Fund for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019.

I approve Bill No. 32-0276, an Act providing for appropriations for operating expenses of the Hospital and Health Facilities Corporation from the General Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019.

I approve Bill No. 32-0277, an Act providing for the lump-sum appropriation from the Indirect Cost Fund for salaries, operating expenses and for other purposes, of the Office of Management and Budget, the Division of Personnel, the Department of Property and Procurement, and the Department of Finance for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019.

I approve Bill No. 32-0278, and Act appropriating the sum of \$1,100,000 in fiscal year 2019 from the interest earned on debt services reserves as a contribution to the General Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands.

I approve Bill No. 32-0280, an Act appropriating funds to the Public Services Commission for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019.

I approve Bill No. 32-0281, an Act appropriating the sum of \$2,000,000 from the Internal Revenue Matching Fund as a contribution to the St. Croix Capital Improvement Fund for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019.

Governor Kenneth E. Mapp's Transmittal Letter to Senate President Myron d. Jackson October 5, 2018
Re: Governor's Action on Bills passed during September 19, 2018 Session
Page3

I approve Bill No. 32-0282, an Act providing for an appropriation for operating expenses of the Department of Public Works and the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority from the St. John Capital Improvement Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019.

I approve Bill No. 32-0283, an Act providing for an appropriation for operating expenses Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority from the Sewer Waste Water Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019.

I approve Bill No. 32-0284, an Act providing for an appropriation from the Tourism Advertising Revolving Fund to the Office of the Governor, the Virgin Islands Police Department, the Department of Public Works, the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority, and the Department of Tourism during the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019.

I approve Bill No. 32-0285, an Act providing an appropriation from the Tourism Advertising Revolving Fund to the Department of Education, the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation during the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019.

I approve Bill No. 32-0286, an Act providing for the operating expenses of the Public Employees Relations Board and the Labor Management Committee for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019.

I approve Bill No. 32-0287, an Act appropriating monies for salaries and expenses of the University of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

I approve Bill No. 32-0288, an Act providing an appropriation for operating expenses of the Virgin Islands Office of the Inspector General from the General Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019.

I approve Bill No. 32-0289, an Act appropriating funds to the Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019, for operating expenses.

I approve Bill No. 32-0292, an Act providing appropriations for operating expenses of the Judicial Branch of the Government of the Virgin Islands, the Judicial Council, and the Office of the Territorial Public Defender.

I approve Bill No. 32-0293, an Act appropriating the sum of \$1,185,413 from the Community Facilities Trust Fund in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, to the General

Governor Kenneth E. Mapp's Transmittal Letter to Senate President Myron d. Jackson October 5, 2018

Re: Governor's Action on Bills passed during September 19, 2018 Session Page4

1 1/1

Fund to pay the allocable debt service payable on debt issued to finance the Paul E. Joseph Stadium project.

I approve Bill No. 32-0294, an Act reducing the statutorily mandated balance in the Insurance Guaranty Fund from \$50,000,000 to \$10,000,000 until September 30, 2019.

I approve Bill No. 32-0295, an Act appropriating the sum of \$11,500,000 from the Transportation Trust Fund as a contribution to the General Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019.

I approve Bill No. 32-0299, an Act to amend official zoning district map SCZ-12 and 17 to allow for the rezoning of Parcel No. 4B Estate Bethlehem Middle Works, Kings Quarter, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands from P (Public) and I-1 (Heavy Industry) to P (Public).

I approve Bill No. 32-0300, an Act amending Title 3, Virgin Islands Code, chapter 1 adding section 4(b) to transfer and establish the Bureau of Economic Research within the Office of Management and Budget.

I approve Bill No. 32-0302, an Act granting a zoning use variance for Plot No. 6 Estate Clifton Hill, Kings Quarter, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands to allow for use of one building as a Medical Clinic/General Medical Practice, with a lab.

I have approve Bill No. 32-0303, an Act providing for the appropriation for operating expenses of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles of the Government of the Virgin Islands during fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019.

I approve Bill No. 32-0304, an Act appropriating \$1,450,000 from the St. Croix Capital Improvement Fund to the Virgin Islands Public Broadcasting System in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, to purchase a video uplink truck and associated equipment.

I approve Bill No. 32-0306, an Act amending Title 18, Virgin Islands Code, chapter 19, section 492(a) relating to the form of the official election ballot to repeal the requirements for the candidate's photograph to appear on the ballot.

I approve Bill No. 32-0307, an Act appropriating funds for the operating expenses and capital projects for the Legislature of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019.

I approve Bill No. 32-0311, an Act ratifying the Agreement for Group Medical Health Insurance and the Agreement for Group Dental Health insurance between the Government of the Virgin Islands and CIGNA Health and Life Insurance Company; and ratifying the Agreement for Vision Insurance and the Agreement for Group life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance between the Government of the Virgin Islands and Standard Insurance Company.

Governor Kenneth E. Mapp's Transmittal Letter to Senate President Myron d. Jackson October 5, 2018

Re: Governor's Action on Bills passed during September 19, 2018 Session

Page5

Thank you to the Senators of the Thirty-Second Legislature for your continued work on behalf of the people of the Virgin Islands.

Sincerely,

Kenneth E. Mapp

Governor

Encls.