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Governor Bryan Proclaims July Sports, Parks and Recreation Month in the Virgin Islands

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS — Governor Albert Bryan Jr. has issued a proclamation designating July as Sports, Parks and Recreation Month in the Virgin Islands in conjunction with National Park and Recreation Month, which celebrates an official day of recognition, "Park and Recreation Professionals Day," on Friday, July 16.

"Our local parks and beaches and recreational facilities are often our first experiences with nature, our introduction to a favorite hobby or physical activity," the proclamation says. "They are places to gather with friends and family, spaces to celebrate life's special moments, spots of quiet reflection and healing, sites that connect us with essential community services and so much more."

Governor Bryan's proclamation also notes the role parks played during the long COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown.

"Local parks have been essential during the COVID-19 pandemic, with many of our community members finding a new appreciation for the essential spaces the Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation manages and the vital, high-quality programs it provides," the proclamation says. "The U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation employees play a vital role in maintaining and enhancing the health, safety and welfare of all Virgin Islands residents."

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