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Thirty-Fourth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

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A Resolution adopting the Rules of the Thirty-Fourth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

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1 **WHEREAS**, section 6 (g) of the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands grants the
2 Legislature the authority to exercise all the powers inherent in general assemblies;

3 **WHEREAS**, it is customary for all legislative bodies to adopt rules that govern their
4 organization, including providing for the authority and conduct of its members, officers and
5 employees; the appointment and jurisdiction of its standing and special committees; the
6 legislative process of enactment of legislation; parliamentary procedure during sessions and
7 committee meetings and for the general day-to-day operations of the institution;

8 **WHEREAS**, the proper application and observance of rules of procedure eliminates
9 controversy, confusion, disorderliness;

10 **WHEREAS**, it is essential that the Legislature of the Virgin Islands conduct its business
11 in an efficient and orderly manner;

1 **WHEREAS**, section 6 (g) of the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands authorizes
2 the Legislature to adopt, alter, amend, and repeal its rules;

3 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 6 (g) of the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands,
4 this Resolution is to adopt the rules of procedure for governance of the Thirty-Fourth
5 Legislature of the Virgin Islands; Now Therefore,

6 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:*

7 **SECTION 1.** The Thirty-Fourth Legislature adopts the rules governing the organization
8 and operation of the Thirty-Fourth Legislature of the Virgin Islands as set forth in the document
9 entitled “Rules of the 34th Legislature of the Virgin Islands”, which is attached to and by this
10 reference made a part of this Resolution.

11 **BILL SUMMARY**

12 This resolution adopts the Rules of the 34th Legislature.

13 **BR21-0002/January 21, 2021/YLT**