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BILL NO. 34-0335

Thirty-Fourth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

September 13, 2022

An Act reconciling Act Nos. 8474 and 8590 and making various appropriations available until September 30, 2023; making a correction to Act No. 8578; amending Act No. 8496 appropriating additional funds to the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority; amending Act No. 8476 regarding the fiscal year 2022 budget of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands; amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code, subtitle 3, chapter 111, section 3100u to rename the Centennial Special Fund as the Virgin Islands Historical Commemorative Fund and appropriating \$1,000,000 from the Communities Facilities Trust Fund to the Virgin Islands Historical Commemorative Fund to fund preparations for the 175th anniversary celebration of emancipation in the Virgin Islands and for other related purposes

PROPOSED BY: Senators Kurt A. Violet, Donna A. Frett-Gregory,
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Co-sponsor: Angel L. Bolques, Jr.

1 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:*

2 **SECTION 1.** Act No. 8474 (Bill No. 34-0109) is amended as follows:

3 (a) In subsection “D”, on page 3, by inserting “Available Until September 23, 2023”

4 after each of the following entities:

5 “SPR SMITH BAY CARNIVAL”;

6 “SPR USVI BOXING PROGRAM”;

7 “SPR ST. THOMAS ALL STARS STEEL ORCHESTRA”; and

8 “SPR ARTBLOCK VI”;

1 (b) In subsection “F”, page 4, by inserting “Available Until September 23, 2023” after
2 “VITEMA DISABILITY INTEGRATION UNIT”;

3 (c) In subsection “X”, page 9, by inserting “Available Until September 23, 2023” after
4 “DHS COLLECTIVE COLLABORATION”;

5 (d) Under Heading “AGENCY/MISC ITEMS” page 10, by inserting “Available Until
6 September 23, 2023” after the following entities:

7 “M1900 DOT VIRGIN ISLANDS CULTURAL HERITAGE INSTITUTE”; and

8 “EMERGENCY SHELTERING”; and

9 (e) Under Heading “AGENCY/MISC ITEMS” page 11, by inserting “Available Until
10 September 23, 2023” after the following entities:

11 “CLEAN SWEEP”;

12 “COMMUNITY ACTION NOW”

13 “COMMUNITY FIRST”; and

14 “SPR FOX AND HOUNDS”.

15 **SECTION 2.** Section 10 of Act No. 8578 (Bill No. 34-0167) is amended by striking
16 “8522” and inserting “8552”.

17 **SECTION 3.** Act No. 8590 (Bill No. 34-0226) is amended as follows:

18 (a) In section 1 as follows:

19 (1) in subsection (a) by striking “\$11,724,012” and inserting “\$11,847,012”; and

20 (2) in subsection (d), paragraph (9) by striking “\$719,240,423” and inserting
21 “719,465,423” and by striking “720,614,679” and inserting “\$720,839,679”;

22 (b) In section 2, subsection (a) by striking “Section 25” and inserting “Total University
23 of the Virgin Islands and Total General Fund”;

1 (c) Section 5 is amended by striking “\$35,057,674” and inserting “\$50,057,674” and
2 by adding three-line items after “620 Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority” to read as
3 follows:

- 4 “Operating Expenses \$35,000,000”
- 5 “8% salary restoration, Social Security Medicare Taxes \$57,674”; and
- 6 “Outstanding Vendor Payments to Waste Water and Solid Waste Vendors
7 \$15,000,000”

8 (d) By adding an appropriately numbered section that reads as follows:

9 “SECTION _____. The sums appropriated in this Act are available until
10 September 30, 2023.””

11 **SECTION 4.** Act No. 8476, (Bill No. 34-0111) as amended by Act No. 8578, (Bill No.
12 34-0167) is further amended in the following instances:

- 13 (a) Strike the sum “\$420,000” and insert “\$190,000”;
- 14 (b) Insert two new line items at the end thereof that read:

- 15 Legal Fees and Expenses \$130,000
- 16 Year End-Close Out Activities \$100,000”.”

17 **SECTION 5.** Title 33 Virgin Islands Code, subtitle 3, chapter 111, section 3100u is
18 amended as follows:

19 (a) By striking “Centennial Special” where it appears in the section heading and
20 throughout the section and by inserting “Virgin Islands Historical Commemorative”;

21 (b) In subsection (a), by striking all the language after “for the purpose of” and inserting
22 “funding events commemorating significant cultural and historic events in the Virgin Islands.”

23 **SECTION 6.** (a) The sum of \$1,000,000 is appropriated from the Community Facilities
24 Trust Fund to the Virgin Islands Historical Commemorative Fund to be utilized to erect
25 historical monuments and to fund preparations for the 175th anniversary celebration of the

1 emancipation of Virgin Islands, including the cost for the design and production of license
2 plates commemorating the 175th emancipation anniversary.

3 (b) The Bureau of Motor Vehicles is prohibited from charging any person aged 65 or
4 older for a license plate that commemorates the 175th emancipation anniversary.

5 (c) Any amount of the \$1,000,000 appropriated into the Virgin Islands Historical
6 Commemorative Fund pursuant to subsection (a) that is not expended or obligated on or before
7 December 31, 2023, remains in the Fund and is no longer available for the use provided for in
8 subsection (a).

9 **BILL SUMMARY**

10 This bill reconciles Act Nos. 8474 and 8590 and makes various appropriations available
11 until September 30, 2023; makes a correction to Act No. 8578; amends Act No. 8496
12 appropriating additional funds to the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority; amends Act
13 No. 8476 regarding the fiscal year 2022 budget of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands; amends
14 title 33 Virgin Islands Code, subtitle 3, chapter 111, section 3100u to rename the Centennial
15 Special Fund as the Virgin Islands Historical Commemorative Fund and appropriates
16 \$1,000,000 from the Communities Facilities Trust Fund to the Virgin Islands Historical
17 Commemorative Fund to fund preparations for the 175th anniversary celebration of
18 emancipation in the Virgin Islands.

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