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VI COUNCIL ON THE ARTS celebrates Arts and Humanities Month

Commissioner Jean-Pierre L. Oriol of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources is pleased to announce that the Honorable Governor Albert Bryan Jr. has declared October as “**National Arts & Humanities Month**” (NAHM)—a coast-to-coast collective recognition of the importance of culture in America.

Each year since 1993, NAHM has helped give millions of Americans the opportunity to explore new facets of the arts and humanities in their lives and has encouraged them to begin a lifelong habit of active participation.

National Arts and Humanities Month’s four primary goals are to:

1. create a national, state, and local focus on the arts and humanities through the media
2. encourage the active participation of individuals, as well as arts, humanities, and other interested organizations nationwide
3. provide an opportunity for federal, state, and local business, government and civic leaders to declare their support for the arts and humanities
4. establish a highly visible vehicle for raising public awareness about the arts and humanities.

This year, the Virgin Islands Council on the Arts will celebrate National Arts and Humanities Month by hosting a month-long schedule of activities to include: a Back to School Supply DRIVE THROUGH and two virtual concerts. Attached, please find the schedule of activities and calendar.

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