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**DPNR INVITES ARTISTS FOR EMANCIPATION EXHIBIT
AT FORT FREDERIK MUSEUM**

Commissioner Jean-Pierre L. Oriol of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources is pleased to announce that the Division of Libraries, Archives, and Museums (DLAM) is producing a group exhibition at Fort Frederik Museum on St. Croix entitled "***The Revolution is Not a One Time Act***," honoring Emancipation Day.

The show will open on Friday, July 1 and will run until Friday, September 23rd and will be open to the public from 9-4 pm.

Chief Curator Monica Marin extends an open call to all Virgin Islands artists territory-wide to submit work on themes of freedom, liberation, and self-determination, and what that looks like today. Artists could consider some of the following themes:

- identity, and nationhood through representations of what self-determination and liberation might look like if the USVI was not colonized
- What liberation technologies are utilized today?
- historical conceptions and representations of resistance and emancipation
- How have the ruling cultures attempted to control through colonial times up until the present, and any depictions of Virgin Islanders resistance

Artists who wish to submit work for consideration are asked to send the following materials to monica.marin@dpr.vi.gov by Friday, June 17th:

- 2 to 4 images of work that reference the themes
- a current CV, and artist bio that includes contact information
- an artist statement about the proposed work (to be included in the exhibit)

- a project description that includes size, media, space, and equipment requirements

If selected, all work must be submitted to Fort Frederik Museum by Monday, June 27 for installation.

The exhibition at Fort Frederik Museum will be open from July 1- Sept 23, 2022, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The opening reception will feature music by *Mind, Body and Soul* and will have a cash bar.

“We hope that by having this exhibit stay open until the end of September we can get as many of our students as possible to visit the show and engage with the educational programming being developed around the exhibit,” said DLAM Director Amy Parker DeSorbo.

For more information, contact DPNR/DLAM Territorial Chief Curator Monica Marin at monica.marin@dpr.vi.gov , or at Fort Frederik Museum at (340) 772-2021.