



**THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
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**MEATLESS DAY IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS 2021**

**NOVEMBER 25, 2021**

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**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES**

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**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, declaring the 25th of November as “Meatless Day in the Virgin Islands,” is part of a global initiative among the East Indian community that Dada J.P. Vaswani began in 1986; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme of this day is to go meatless in solidarity with the Territory’s East Indian community, and urging fellow Virgin Islanders to join in the spirit of brotherhood, unity, fellowship, and compassion; and

**WHEREAS**, all Virgin Islanders should be called upon to join in this one-day ‘Pledge to Be Veg’ as a demonstration of unity and harmony for all mankind as 2021 has been a difficult year with the COVID-19 Pandemic for all of us, and it has never been more pressing than now that we all come together; and

**WHEREAS**, the day is celebrated on the birthday of Sadhu T. L. Vaswani, a noted educator, author, and an early supporter of Mahatma Gandhi's Non-Cooperation Movement who promoted the principle of reverence for all life and is known to people around the world as the living embodiment of unconditional love; and


**WHEREAS**, in 1910, Sadhu Vaswani and his guru, Sri Promotholal Sen, sailed from Mumbai to Berlin to participate in the World Congress of Religions and he addressed the conference as a representative of India and expressed a message of peace and tranquility; and

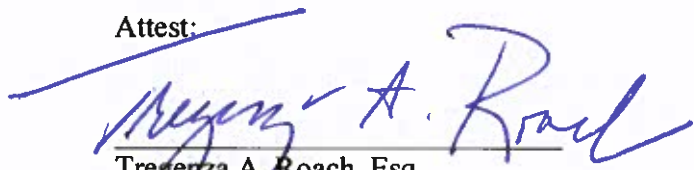
**WHEREAS**, Meatless Day was established on Sadhu Vaswani’s birthday in 1986 to honor his philosophy and advocacy of vegetarianism.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert Bryan Jr., Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Revised Organic Act of 1954, as amended, do hereby proclaim the day of November 25th, 2021 as Meatless Day in the Virgin Islands. I join advocates and communities across the Territory in taking up the 'Pledge to Be Veg'.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States to be affixed at Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, A. D. 2021.**



  
Albert Bryan, Jr.  
Governor

Attest:  
  
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Lieutenant Governor