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SEN. JOSEPH SECURES FUNDING FOR 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF VIRGIN ISLANDS EMANCIPATION COMMEMORATION

ST. THOMAS, USVI – Senator Carla Joseph is pleased to announce the successful passage of her amendment to Bill 34-0335 to appropriate \$1 Million from the Community Trust Fund of the Virgin Islands Historical Commemorative fund to erect historical monuments and to fund preparations for the 175th-anniversary celebration of the emancipation of the Virgin Islands.

“The emancipation of the enslaved people living in the Virgin Islands in 1848 is a monumental triumph of our ancestors, who liberated themselves to give us the opportunities and freedoms, we enjoy today. The production and placements of monuments in our towns across the Territory and the upcoming celebrations will be a lesson in history for our young people to identify and embrace the story of our journey to liberation,” Joseph said.

“History is something we should never take for granted as we stand today on the shoulders of those who came before us. The upcoming celebrations provide the opportunity to honor our past and unity as we progress forward,” she said.

Sen. Joseph, appointed by Governor Albert Bryan to the 175th Anniversary Celebrations of Emancipation Proclamation Planning Committee, said she looks forward to working with the Anniversary Committee members to engage the entire community.

Joseph concluded her remarks by expressing thanks to her legislative colleagues for supporting the appropriation amendment as well as Governor Albert Bryan, Jr. for approving the transfer of funding from the Community Trust Fund to support this worthy commemorative event.

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