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PUBLIC HEALTH PANDEMIC ORDER NO. XIV

WHEREAS Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission and presents itself with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared a National Disaster related to the COVID-19 pandemic in the U.S., including the US Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS individuals in the Territory of the Virgin Islands have been pre-emptively isolated and tested for COVID-19, and the CDC currently recommends mitigation measures in communities with potential COVID-19 cases, including staying at home when sick, keeping away from others who are sick and staying at home when a household member is sick with respiratory disease symptoms or if instructed to do so by public health officials or a health care provider; and

WHEREAS it is necessary and appropriate to take action to ensure that COVID-19 remains controlled and that residents and visitors in the U.S. Virgin Islands remain safe and secure; and

WHEREAS as the Governor of the Virgin Islands, on March 13, 2020, declared a State of Emergency in the Virgin Islands due to COVID-19 and appointed the Commissioner of Health as the incident commander and the Department of Health as the lead agency in the territorial response to the pandemic and such Declaration remains in effect; and

WHEREAS it is necessary to impose guidelines and restrictions to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Territory from the potentially dangerous effects of the COVID-19 – Coronavirus Pandemic; and

WHEREAS the Virgin Islands remains in the Safer at Home Phase by the Governor's September 8, 2020 Executive Order, et seq.; and

WHEREAS Section 2 of the 19th Supplemental Executive Order which states in pertinent part that " In all bars and nightclubs in the Territory of the U.S. Virgin Islands, No Patrons shall be allowed to congregate standing around the bar counter area; there shall be no sitting and no serving of alcohol at bar counters. Patrons seated at tables may order food, or alcohol, or both, so long as they are seated at the designated seated areas"; and

WHEREAS Section 7 (5), (6), and (7) of the 18th Supplemental Executive Order which states in pertinent part that “ All Bars and nightclubs and any other establishments with a Tavern Keeper A or Tavern Keeper B license in the Territory of the U.S. Virgin Islands shall cease the sale or distribution of alcohol from 11:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. daily. Bars and nightclubs shall be closed to patrons from 12:00 until 6:00 a.m. daily. Masks and Facial coverings shall be required pursuant section A of the 18th Supplemental Executive Order in all bars and night clubs except when patrons are seated at their designated” ; and

WHEREAS on or about Saturday December 12, 2020, at approximately 1:25 am in the vicinity of 41 Subbase in the judicial district of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, while conducting a routine inspection with the COVID-19 Taskforce and members of the Executive Staff for the Virgin Islands Department of Health arrived at the Krush Night Club; and

WHEREAS, Director of Environmental Health, Wanson Harris observed the following at the location:


1. Large gathering of more than 50 persons within the establishment not observing the Governor’s executive Orders 18 and 19
2. Large gathering of people standing without the use of a facial covering.
3. Alcohol beverages being served from the bar, and activities of a live band.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Justa E. Encarnacion, Commissioner of Health and Incident Commander, do hereby **ORDER**:

TO KRUSH NIGHTCLUB

CEASE all operations at the KRUSH NIGHTCLUB 41 Subbase Drydock, St. Thomas, VI immediately until further notice and cleared by the Division of Environmental Health.

SO ORDERED this 16th Day of December 2020, pursuant to 23 V.I.C. Section 1033(b) and the authority vested in me by the Governor of the Virgin Islands in Declaration of State of Health Emergency on March 13, 2020, and as amended and continued.



JUSTA E. ENCARNACION, RN
Commissioner of Health/Incident Commander

12/16/2020
Date