

## THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR GOVERNMENT HOUSE

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## **ORDER**

I, Kenneth E. Mapp, Governor of the Virgin Islands and Commander in Chief of the Virgin Islands National Guard, pursuant to the authority granted to me in Title 23, Chapter 19, Virgin Islands Code, hereby order the Virgin Islands National Guard into Territorial Active Military Service. I find that this Order is necessary to maintain the health, welfare, and safety of the people of the Virgin Islands in the face of imminent danger or potential disaster from Hurricane/Tropical Storm Irma.

I direct, authorize, and order the Adjutant General of the Virgin Islands to mobilize such units of the National Guard as are necessary to maintain or restore public order, and to guarantee the safety of life and property. To include the maintenance of order and security throughout the Territory, until such time as she is ordered by me, verbally and/or in writing to stand down from such mobilization which shall be on the termination date of this Order as set forth below. During the performance of these duties, members of the Virgin Islands National Guard shall have the powers designated in Title 23, Sections 1521 and 1552, Virgin Islands Code and the rights and protections granted by Title 23, Section 1517, 1523, 1524, 1525, 1553 and 1555, Virgin Islands Code. The Adjutant General is directed pursuant to Title 23, Section 1520, Virgin Islands Code to take whatever actions she considers necessary to carry out the assigned mission. In accordance with Title 23 Section 1522, Virgin Islands Code, The Adjutant General is authorized and directed to seize arms, ammunition, explosives, incendiary material and any other property that may be required by the military forces for the performance of this emergency mission, in accordance with the Rules of Force promulgated by the Virgin Islands National Guard and approved by the Virgin Islands Department of Justice.

I further direct, authorize and order that the Commissioner of Finance disburse such funds as necessary to carry out this mission in accordance with the rules, regulations, and procedures of the Department of Finance. I further direct and order that all cost associated with the provision of services including but not limited to salaries, benefits, health insurance, worker's compensation, necessary meals, fuel, and other operational and administrative costs will be borne by the Government of the Virgin Islands.

This Order shall become effective as of 12:01a.m. on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, and shall terminate upon my written or verbal ORDER.

So ordered, this 4th day of SEPTEMBER 2017.

Kenneth E. Mapp

Governor