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Update: Bryan Grants Administrative Leave on January 9 in Honor of President Jimmy Carter

In alignment with Biden's National Day of Mourning, Gov't employees will have administrative leave on January 9, which Bryan had previously declared a local holiday. Bryan will attend the funeral, leaving McCurdy and Francis in temporary leadership roles

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Former President, the late Jimmy Carter.

In an updated press release, Governor Albert Bryan Jr. today announced that Thursday, January 9, 2025, will be observed as administrative leave for non-essential government employees in the U.S. Virgin Islands, correcting an earlier statement from the administration that declared it a local holiday. This follows President Joseph R. Biden's declaration of a National Day of Mourning to

honor the life and legacy of former President James Earl "Jimmy" Carter Jr.

According to Government House, President Carter, the 39th President of the United States, recently passed away after a life devoted to service, compassion, and unwavering commitment to improving the lives of others. As a leader, humanitarian, and advocate for global peace and democracy, President Carter's contributions to the nation and the world have left an indelible mark on history.

"President Jimmy Carter was a statesman whose legacy of humility, courage, and boundless compassion will forever inspire us all," Governor Bryan said. "His leadership extended beyond politics, reminding us that true service to humanity transcends personal ambition. The Virgin Islands joins the nation in honoring his remarkable life and contributions."

According to the release, Governor Bryan has issued an Executive Order declaring January 9, 2025, a local holiday in the Virgin Islands to provide residents an opportunity to reflect on and commemorate President Carter's life and service. This observance aligns the Virgin Islands with the National Day of Mourning declared by President Biden.

The governor also announced that he will travel out of the territory from January 8 to January 10 to attend the State Funeral for former President Carter at the invitation of President Biden. While Governor Bryan is out of the territory, Commissioner of Finance Kevin McCurdy will serve as Acting Governor, and Senate President Novelle E. Francis Jr. will serve as Acting Lieutenant Governor, as Lieutenant Governor Tregenza A. Roach, Esq., will also be out of the territory during this time.

All government offices in the Virgin Islands will be closed on January 9, 2025.

President Carter, known for his leadership during his presidency from 1977 to 1981, spent decades after leaving office championing human rights, democracy, and global health initiatives through the Carter Center. His unwavering dedication to improving lives and his humility as a leader continue to resonate worldwide.

The Bryan administration extends its deepest condolences to the Carter family, the people of Georgia, and the entire nation during this time of remembrance.