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Leave For Government Workers Announced As St. Thomas Carnival Shifts Into High Gear

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ST. THOMAS -- Governor Kenneth Mapp has signed a proclamation granting commissioners and heads of government agencies administrative leave as the territory's 63rd Carnival takes hold in St. Thomas.

Dubbed 'Culture to the Extreme, VI Carnival 2015', this year's event is expected to attract thousands to the island, according to a press release from Government House.

The 2015 Virgin Islands' Carnival Food, Arts and Crafts Fair, being held on Wednesday, April 20 in the Emancipation Garden, has been named the 'Alvin's Cultural Workshop' in honor of Alvin Turnbull.

J'Overt takes place on Thursday, April 30, children's parade on Friday, May 1 and adults parade on Saturday, May 2.

The St. Thomas/St. John District administrative leave days are as follows:

- Wednesday, April 29, 2015 - Food, Arts and Crafts Fair Day – 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, April 30, 2015 – J'Ouvert – 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The territory-wide administrative leave is on Friday, May 1 from 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m.

Government House says the leave does not apply to essential employees and those on a regular or rotating shift. Employees who take advantage of sick or annual leave preceding or immediately following administrative leave will not receive the time off, the press release stated.

Moving forward, Mapp said leave will not be granted to employees considered to be essential, and those whose shift happen to fall on a day in which other employees have been granted leave.

Image Credit: St. Thomas carnival Facebook page