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Territory's Flags Lowered To Half-Staff In Honor Of France Terror Victims

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ST. CROIX -- Governor Kenneth Mapp is joining President Barack Obama in honoring the victims of the terrorist attacks in Paris, France that left at least 129 people dead, a press release Government House issued today has revealed.

"The U.S. flag is being lowered to half-staff at the White House, federal buildings across the country and American military and diplomatic stations around the world as a mark of respect for victims of the Paris attacks," said the territory's leader.

President Obama ordered the gesture of solidarity with France by proclamation on Sunday. The flags will be flown at half-staff until sunset Thursday. Earlier in the day,

House Speaker Paul Ryan ordered flags lowered at the U.S. Capitol.

In his proclamation, Mr. Obama said the terror attacks were an assault on all of humanity, and that human values would endure beyond the acts of terrorism. The president also reminded that the U.S. and its allies, as he puts it, "do not give in to fear, nor will we be divided, nor will anyone change our way of life."

In accordance with the presidential proclamation, Mr. Mapp is directing flags at all Virgin Islands' Government offices and facilities across the territory to be flown at half-staff in honor of the victims of the attack. Flags should be flown at half-staff effective immediately until sunset on Thursday, November 19, 2015, according to the release.

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