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Mapp Renews State Of Emergency Declaration

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Governor Kenneth Mapp has renewed the declaration of a state of emergency for the U.S. Virgin Islands in [an official order](#), a Government House release made known late Wednesday.

The proclamation renews the [territory's state of emergency declaration](#), which was initially declared effective September 5, through January 4, 2018, unless earlier lifted or extended.

A state of emergency empowers a government to perform actions that it would normally not be allowed to. A government can declare a state of emergency during a disaster, civil unrest, or armed conflict. In September 2016, Lieutenant Governor Osbert Potter, then-

acting governor, declared a state of emergency following a surge in gun violence [that was rocking St. Croix in particular.](#)

With the USVI still in active recovery mode, the new declaration allows for the current order of operations to continue.

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