

The Virgin Islands Consortium

Nonprofit With Focus On Helping U.S. Citizens In U.S. Territories Gain Equal Rights Rebrands From 'We the People Project' To 'Equally American'

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“We the People Project,” a non-profit founded in 2013 to advance equality and civil rights in U.S. territories, recently changed its name to “Equally American,” according to a release issued Friday.

“For the last five years we have been working to end the second-class status of Americans living in U.S. territories, so we wanted to have that mission reflected more directly in our name,” said Neil Weare, a Yale Law School-trained civil rights attorney who grew up in Guam.

“Recent national attention to U.S. territories following Hurricanes Maria and Irma and North Korea’s nuclear threats to Guam create an unprecedented opportunity to make the case that it is time to treat the 4 million citizens living in U.S. territories as ‘Equally American,’” Weare added.

Equally American will carry over the non-profit’s motto: “Equal rights, wherever you live.” This reflects the belief that where you live or what your zip code is shouldn’t determine your rights as a U.S. citizen.

The rebranding is part of a broader effort to expand the non-profit’s advocacy for equality and civil rights in U.S. territories, both inside and outside the courtroom. In the coming weeks, Equally American will have some big announcements related to its work.

People can follow Equally American’s work online at www.EquallyAmerican.org, on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/EquallyAmerican/>, or on Twitter, @EquallyAmerican.

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