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# VITEMA Announces Territory-Wide Tsunami Walk Scheduled For Nov. 5

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In support of World Tsunami Awareness Day, the Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency is inviting the public to participate in the VITEMA Territorial Tsunami Walk on Saturday, November 5, 2022, at 9:00 am – 11:00 am.

World Tsunami Awareness Day raises tsunami awareness and provides an opportunity for the nation to share innovative approaches to risk reduction. A tsunami is a series of long waves generated by a displacement of water, and can be generated by volcanoes, landslides, and the most destructive source, earthquakes.

The U.S. Virgin Islands, along with the rest of the Caribbean, is considered a region with high levels of vulnerability and threat for tsunamis.

Tsunamis can move hundreds of miles per hour and hit land with waves topping 100 feet in height.

By the year 2030, an estimated 50 per cent of the world's population will live in coastal areas exposed to flooding, storms, and tsunamis. Scaling up international cooperation to developing countries will help ensure that 100% of communities at risk of tsunami are prepared for and resilient to tsunamis by 2030.

Participation in this event will educate individuals on the natural warning signs and tsunami evacuation points in the territory. VITEMA is requesting the support of participants and volunteers for the event. The Tsunami Walk will take place on all three US Virgin Islands at these locations.

- ST. THOMAS –Emancipation Gardens • Franklin D. Roosevelt Park • Fort Christian Parking Lot • All locations lead to Government Hill
- ST. CROIX - Frederiksted Waterfront to Claude O. Markoe Elementary School
- ST. JOHN - Frank Powell Park to the Legislative Offices

This community event is open to all residents, organizations, businesses, families, and friends. Those interested in supporting this effort or participating, please contact Mrs. Shantelle Eddy Bully at (340)715-6823 or Ms. Germaine Gumbs at (340) 713-6805. Registration will take place at the starting point at each location prior to the event.