

# RESOLUTION

*This Resolution is presented on behalf of the People of the US Virgin Islands in response to constant exclusion of our concerns when it comes to the actions of public decision-makers*

*Whereas* the people of the U.S. Virgin Islands continue to endure a rapid declining quality of life;

*Whereas* the Legislature of the Virgin Islands has failed to represent the best interests of the people of the U.S. Virgin Islands;

*Whereas* the Legislature of the Virgin Islands has abandoned its statutory responsibility to exercise OVERSIGHT of the Government of the U.S. Virgin Islands;

*Whereas* the Legislature has failed to perform its role in the “checks and balance” intended under our republican form of government;

*Whereas* the Legislature repeatedly acts as a pawn of the Executive Branch, as opposed to a separate and equal branch of government, enabling the administration to compromise the future of the U.S. Virgin Islands;

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED by the People of the Virgin Islands

*THAT* we demand the convening of a Special Session of the 29<sup>th</sup> Legislature to address some of the pressing issues facing the people of the U.S. Virgin Islands;

*THAT* the above-mentioned Special Session results in the enactment of Legislation accomplishing the following:

1. The termination of the “BroadBand” Initiative currently being undertaken by Virgin Islands Next Generation Network;
2. Repeal of the 8% salary reduction of government employees and refunding of all income lost as a result of the 8% salary reduction.
3. Reinstatement of employees terminated from the territory’s MCH Clinics and a return of full service offerings at said clinics.
4. 5-year moratorium on the sale of real property, for the purpose of collecting any property taxes that became delinquent after tax year 2006.

5. Amendments to the FY2012 budget law, making the entire budget a line-item budget.
6. Amendments to the FY2012 budget law, reducing each department, agency, instrumentality's budget by an amount representing what the Legislature included for purposes of paying for electricity.
7. The creation of a "Special Fund", called the Electricity Fund, into which shall be transferred the total from above (Item 6), and out of which the each department, agency, and instrumentality will have their WAPA bills paid up to their allotted portion of the total fund.
8. The reprogramming of the proceeds received from the issuance of **GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS**, originally intended for the Broadband Initiative, to fund the above-listed Initiatives of the People.
9. The IMMEDIATE issuance of 2010 tax refund checks from funds set aside for that specific purpose, as per Court Settlement
10. The publishing of all U.S. Virgin Islands Government monthly, quarterly, and annual financial reports on the websites of the Office of Management and Budget, The USVI Legislature, Department of Finance, Public Finance Authority, and the Office of the Governor.

*THAT* the Legislature remove Senator Alicia "Chucky" Hansen who is a sitting member in violation of Virgin Islands Law, since the Legislature makes its own rules and has the authority to determine the qualifications of its members,

*THAT* Virgin Islands Code be amended such that the Legislature has SOLE authority to grant tax exemptions

*THAT* we the people will accept NO EXCUSES such as preemption, pending litigation, scheduling conflicts, etc. for inaction on ANY of our demands

*THAT* the legislature of the Virgin Islands shall have 30 calendar days from November 9, 2011 to conduct said Special Session

*This Resolution is hereby presented to each member of the 29<sup>th</sup> Legislature the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, A.D., 2011*