



MESSAGE BY THE GOVERNOR OF PUERTO RICO
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ON THE OCCASION OF THE PUERTO RICO-VIRGIN ISLANDS
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Governor Cyril King, Lieutenant-Governor Juan Luis and
the good people of the Virgin Islands:

It is a pleasure and an honor to greet the good people of
the Virgin Islands on this important and historic day. The histories
of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands has been intertwined down
through the centuries. It is important to note that our relationship
has been one of mainly cooperation, respect and peace. Indeed,
Puerto Ricans and Virgin Islanders have each made great
contributions in the others' homeland.

We are reassured this spirit of cooperation and mutual
benefit will continue and grow now that we have joined together

to form a joint economic development region for the purpose of
qualifying for additional federal funding.

May of the path of the future of our two peoples be as rich and
rewarding as the one of the past. Please accept my warmest
"saludos" and greetings on this our day.

