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VIBIR IMPLEMENTS THE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX AMNESTY

MARVIN L. PICKERING, DIRECTOR OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE, ANNOUNCES THAT THE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX AMNESTY, SIGNED INTO LAW BY GOVERNOR KENNETH E. MAPP, ON OCTOBER 6, 2016 (ACT NO. 7930) IS IN EFFECT AND WILL END ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2017.

DIRECTOR PICKERING STRONGLY URGES TAXPAYERS WHO HAVE OUTSTANDING GROSS RECEIPTS TAX OBLIGATIONS TO FILE AND PAY THE GROSS RECEIPTS TAXES BEFORE THE DEADLINE. HE STATED THAT THE LAST GROSS RECEIPTS TAX RETURNS THAT WILL QUALIFY FOR THE AMNESTY PROGRAM IS THE AUGUST 2016 MONTHLY GROSS RECEIPTS TAX RETURN AND THE ANNUAL 2015 GROSS RECEIPTS TAX RETURN.

PAYMENTS FOR THE GROSS RECEIPT TAX UNDER THE AMNESTY PROGRAM SHOULD BE MADE BY CASH, CREDIT CARD (VISA OR MASTERCARD), BANK CHECKS AND MONEY ORDERS. DIRECTOR PICKERING EXPLAINED THAT DUE TO A CONCERN ABOUT DISHONORED CHECKS, WE ARE TAKING THIS PRECAUTION TO ENSURE THAT ALL PAYMENTS ACCEPTED UNDER THE AMNESTY PROGRAM WILL BE HONORED BY THE BANK.

DIRECTOR PICKERING FURTHER CAUTIONED TAXPAYERS THAT THE AMNESTY DOES NOT AFFECT THE BUREAU'S COLLECTION EFFORTS. "THE BUREAU WILL CONTINUE TO CONTACT DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS AND ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN PAYMENTS THROUGH THE STATUTORY COLLECTION METHODS," HE ADDED.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS AND RETURNS BRANCH ON ST. CROIX AT 773-1040, EXTENSION 4254, OR 715-1040, EXTENSIONS 2232 ON ST. THOMAS.

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