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Swearing-In Ceremony on St. Croix

Today, during a ceremony at 10:00am at Government House on St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands, Governor Kenneth E. Mapp and Lieutenant Governor Osbert E. Potter officially welcomed three new members to the Mapp/Potter cabinet. Associate Justice Maria Cabret, of the Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands, administered the oath of office to Clifford A. Joseph, Randolph N. Bennett, and Rick T. Mullgrav.

Following the swearing in, Governor Mapp said he was proud of the cabinet he had assembled. "It is what the Lieutenant Governor appropriately called an all-star team," the Governor said. "Each member has been tasked with an objective and we have given them the responsibility and authority to run their agencies." Governor Mapp told the nominees, "We want you to commit that your agency will be left better than you found it."

The Director of the Virgin Islands Fire Service, Clifford Adrian Joseph pledged, "I will strive to be the best I can be as Director of the Fire Service." Governor Mapp praised Director Joseph for doing an excellent job thus far and for having already raised the standards of his agency.

Governor Mapp said he met Randolph Nathaniel Bennett, now Commissioner of the Department of Property Procurement of the Virgin Islands, last year at a National Governors Conference in Maryland and was very impressed with his accomplishments in the U. S. Military and the Department of State. The Governor said he was committed to bringing talented Virgin Islanders back to the territory and was so pleased that Bennett agreed to serve.

Governor Mapp praised Rick Mullgrav, Director of the Bureau of Corrections, whom he commended for having done an excellent job in less than one full year at the Bureau of Corrections. Governor Mapp said he is confident that the Bureau of Corrections will continue to improve by leaps and bounds." Director Mullgrav in turn, expressed his

satisfaction with the leadership of Governor Mapp and Lt. Governor Potter, offering his opinion that, “The Governor and the Lieutenant Governor are working hard, and all his cabinet members are working hard to bring us back to where we belong.”

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