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DOL CELEBRATES LABOR AWARENESS MONTH

Commissioner of Labor Cecil R. Benjamin is pleased to announce that the Honorable Charles W. Turnbull has proclaimed *September 2005 as "Labor Awareness Month"* in the Virgin Islands. By virtue of this proclamation, the Department of Labor will host a variety of activities to pay homage to the hard working men and women of this territory.

Commissioner Benjamin states, "The cultural, economic and social growth of our beautiful Virgin Islands is a direct result of the contributions of our diverse and hard working labor force. Many strides have been made in the development of a viable workforce to meet the challenges of the 21st century and to ensure that everyone benefits from the economic stability and development derived from the skilled, talented and productive workers in our community."

Additionally, every Wednesday for the entire month of September, the St. Thomas office will hold "*Customer Appreciation Day*" where breakfast will be served to our customers. The offices on St. Croix at the Sunny Isles, Church Street and Fredericksted locations will host *Customer Appreciation* on **Thursday, September 15, 2005**. The following is a schedule of other upcoming events hosted by the Department of Labor.

- September 17** Open House – Sunny Isles – St. Croix-10:00-2:00pm
- September 18** Fun Day – Frenchtown Ballpark-St. Thomas – 10:00 -6:00 pm
- September 24** Open House – Kronprindsens Gade – St. Thomas – 10:00-3:00 pm
- September 25** Walk-A-Thon & Beach Party – Wendy's to Brewer's Bay, St. Thomas– 6:00 am
- September 29** "Government After Hours" – Holiday Inn – St. Thomas-5:30-8:30 pm

For further information, please contact the Office of the Commissioner at **776-3700 x2111** on St. Thomas and **773-1994** on St. Croix.