

**RESOLUTION NO. 1843**

**BILL NO. 32-0178**

**THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS**

**Regular Session**

**2018**

A Resolution to honor and commend All Hands and Hearts—Smart Response

---0---

**WHEREAS**, All Hands Volunteers was a United States based 501(3) non-profit organization incorporated by David Campbell in 2010, which history began in December 2004 when a tsunami, resulting from an earthquake, devastated communities located along the Indian Ocean coastline; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Campbell, a business professional, spontaneously traveled to Thailand with the intent to remain there for one week, providing assistance in whatever capacity he could; and

**WHEREAS**, the one-week stay extended to one month, during which time Mr. Campbell co-established HandsOnThailand with Darius Monsef and worked with more than 200 volunteers to rebuild five fishing villages in Phuket; and

**WHEREAS**, in August 2005, after Hurricane Katrina made landfall on the United States Gulf Coast states, Mr. Campbell and several HandsOnThailand volunteers established HandsOnUSA, coordinating 1,500 volunteers to help survivors of Hurricane Katrina; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2010, HandsOnUSA changed its name to All Hands Volunteers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Happy Hearts Fund, founded in 2005 by international supermodel, Petra Nemcova, in the aftermath of the 2004 tsunami, of which Nemcova, herself, was a survivor, has rebuilt 171 schools all over the world in the aftermath of natural disasters, thus allowing 102,000 school children to resume their educations; and

**WHEREAS**, in the fall of 2017, All Hands Volunteers and Happy Hearts merged their resources and organizations to form All Hands and Hearts—Smart Response to focus on delivering a “smart response” to those suffering from disasters, domestically and internationally; and

**WHEREAS**, All Hands and Hearts—Smart Response is a volunteer-powered disaster relief organization dedicated to rebuilding hope for people impacted by natural disasters by engaging and leveraging volunteers, and by partnering with other organizations and local communities; and

**WHEREAS**, All Hands and Hearts—Smart Response works with communities to meet their long-term needs by rebuilding the basic “hubs” of a community, places such as: homes, schools, day care facilities, and community centers; and

**WHEREAS**, All Hands and Hearts—Smart Response partners with organizations and local communities to help homeowners by engaging in activities such as: “mucking and gutting” after a flood, “rubbling” after an earthquake, and safe demolitions for dangerous buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, in the aftermath of Hurricanes Irma and Maria, All Hands and Hearts—Smart Response has made a two-year commitment to building safe, sturdy schools for thousands of children throughout the Caribbean; and

**WHEREAS**, All Hands and Hearts—Smart Response’s vision is to demonstrate the power and value of volunteer service by bringing hope to affected communities and by providing a transformative experience to its volunteers; and

**WHEREAS**, in the Virgin Islands, as of March 2018, All Hands and Hearts—Smart Response has: donated over 4,839 volunteer hours, mucked and gutted 123 sites, removed debris from 149 sites, performed chainsaw work at 125 sites, completed demolition at three sites, worked on three schools and two churches, donated bicycles to twelve schools, and has impacted over 4,700 individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, All Hands and Hearts—Smart Response has, between 2004 and the present, mobilized over 45,500 volunteers and assisted over 500,000 people around the world; Now, Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:*

**SECTION 1.** The Legislature of the Virgin Islands, on behalf of the people of the Virgin Islands, honors and commends All Hands and Hearts—Smart Response for its volunteer work in the Virgin Islands and throughout the world.

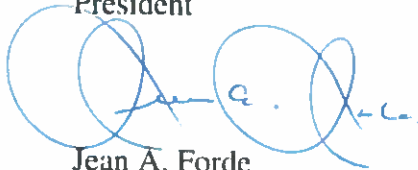
**SECTION 2.** In recognition and appreciation of All Hands Volunteers-Smart Response's service to the people of the Virgin Islands in the aftermath of Hurricanes Irma and Maria, the President of the Legislature or his designee shall prepare and present a perma plaque copy of this Resolution to All Hands and Hearts—Smart Response at an appropriate ceremony.

Thus passed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on April 4, 2018

Witness our Hands and Seal of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands this 16<sup>th</sup> Day of April, A.D., 2018.



Myron B. Jackson  
President



Jean A. Forde  
Legislative Secretary

