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Cara Christopher Appointed Deputy Director of Human Resources (Ag.)

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Ms. Cara Christopher has been appointed Deputy Director of Human Resources (Ag.) while the substantive post-holder is on leave for a period of three (3) years.

Ms. Christopher brings a wealth of experience to her new role, having served in the Department of Human Resources for the past seven (7) years as Senior Assistant Human Resources Manager and Human Resources Manager within the Organisational Development and Workforce Planning Unit. Her experience is also supplemented by previous appointments as Student Success Officer and Adjunct Lecturer at the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College.

As Deputy Director, Ms. Christopher will assist in the planning, organising and directing of the activities and matters in the areas of organisational development, workforce management and ensure the strategic outputs of the department according to established standards.

Permanent Secretary in the Office of the Deputy Governor, Mrs. Sharleen DaBreo-Lettsome, MBE said, “Ms. Christopher’s Acting appointment allows for continuity in the ongoing transformation of the Department of Human Resources. She has been a valued contributor to the process of rebuilding the department into a beacon of excellence, responsiveness and support. Ms. Christopher’s experience and expertise positions her well to be impactful in this new role, and I look forward to witnessing the developments she will guide.”

Ms. Christopher holds Associate of Arts Degrees in both Human Services and Humanities from the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College, a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of the Virgin Islands and a Master of Science in Applied Psychology, with a concentration in Industrial and Organisational Psychology from Sacred Heart University.

While commenting on her appointment, Ms. Christopher said she was humbled and grateful for the opportunity to continue serving the Department in the capacity of Acting Deputy Director.

“The Department of Human Resources serves as both the gateway and the heart of the Public Service, carrying a profound responsibility to support each and every

public officer. I remain committed to the ongoing transformation of the Department and look forward to working closely with my colleagues to build on the progress we have made,” she said.

In 2024, the Department of Human Resources unveiled ‘The New H.R Vision’ as part of the ongoing work to develop. The vision is to become “An Agile, Engaged and Responsive Human Resources Department”.

The Government of the Virgin Islands remains committed to maintaining standards of excellence, service and professionalism in the Human Resources Management of the Public Service.