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### **BVI To Observe Records May Day On May 1st**

**Monday, April 28, 2008, BVI**

The Virgin Islands will join the United States in observing Records May Day on May 1.

Events include an open house at the Archives and Records Unit and other activities aimed at encouraging people to protect important records in their possession.

Chief Records Management Officer Mrs. Verna Penn Moll said that members of the public are invited to visit the Archives and Records Management Unit in the Burhym Building on Wickhams Cay II on Thursday, May 1, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Visitors will be able to see a video on records management and will receive one complimentary acid-free box in which to store fragile records.

Acid-free boxes protect records from exposure to light and air, which cause paper to breakdown. "Paper becomes brown, brittle and crumbly when it comes in contact with the damaging agents in light and air. Records stored in acid-free boxes can last for hundreds of years," Mrs. Moll said.

In addition to the open house, Deputy Governor Elton Georges will deliver a Records May Day Message, which will be aired on local radio stations. Officials will also use the day to highlight records preservation tips through local radio and newspapers and to remind government records officers about disaster plans for records protection. There will also be a visit to a local school to inspect its

historical records.

Records May Day, first observed by archivists in the Americas, is being recommended for international recognition as the day devoted to caring for and protecting valuable records.

For more information about the BVI Archives and Records Management Unit, please visit the Deputy Governor's Office website at [www.dgo.gov.vg](http://www.dgo.gov.vg).