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## Viva Wins Ookla<sup>®</sup> Speedtest Award<sup>™</sup> For Fastest **Broadband Internet In The U.S. Virgin Islands**

Viya Residential and Business customers enjoy the fastest broadband network in the Virgin Islands.

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Viya proves its position as the Virgin Islands' leader in telecommunications by receiving the prestigious "Fastest Broadband Internet" award from Ookla, the global leader in fixed broadband testing.\*

Ookla has the most comprehensive analytics on internet performance, and only grants these awards to top telecommunication providers worldwide. Viya's outperformed the competition in thousands of tests taken by Virgin Islanders on the Ookla Speedtest® application from the Q2-Q3 2020 performance data tests. Remarkably, this award is for a period during the pandemic when having the most reliable high-speed internet connection was an absolute necessity.

"Achieving this award is a testament to the dedication of the Viya team that is committed to providing the best internet experience. The pandemic brought about major changes in the way we work, how we teach our children and how we entertain the entire family. We are proud of our achievement and we are grateful that our customers trust us to connect them to their varying interests. Creating value for our customers is synonymous with building connected communities; this is what we do every day," stated Viya's CEO, Geraldine Pitt.

Viya's high-speed broadband is available to all customers including Lifeline, as Viya leads the way in connecting Lifeline customers.

Viya has invested millions of dollars to upgrade its mobile and broadband networks following Hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017. Today, the Viya network supports

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the residents and businesses of St John, St Croix and St Thomas through more underground miles of fiber than any other network in the USVI.

Viya celebrates this crowning achievement, in addition to the recent advancement made in its entertainment platform with the launch of TV+, a 4K TV service with cloud based DVR, Video On-Demand (VOD) and all-inclusive multi-media, multi device experience along with "Wifi+" its mesh WiFi booster service delivered over Viya's strongest and fastest connectivity network.

Viya's support for small businesses continues to evolve with a recently launched value-add product that combines internet with free e-commerce websites. Small business is the foundation of the territory's economy and as the largest provider of Broadband connectivity to this sector, Viya is making it easier to connect a more diverse customer base online.

"While Viya was the first provider in the USVI to ever receive the fastest network award, our work does not stop here. Our mission is to be the most trusted technology partner enhancing the lives of our customers and supporting business growth, our team is well placed to deliver," Pitt concluded.

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**About Viya:** Viya is the largest telecommunications provider located in the U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI), providing a full suite of telecommunications and entertainment services. Our family of services for both the business and residential markets include wireline and wireless voice service, fixed and mobile broadband plus cable television service offered over a hybrid fiber-coaxial wireline network and a newly deployed, state-of-the-art 4G LTE wireless network serving St. Croix, St. Thomas, and St. John.



About Ookla: Ookla is the global leader in internet performance testing and consumer-initiated network diagnostics. With 9 million tests taken every day and over 15 billion tests logged to date using Speedtest, Ookla provides the most expansive view of worldwide internet network performance and accessibility. Ookla's comprehensive data platform, Speedtest Intelligence, is a trusted and vital research and analysis tool used by businesses, industry associations, and government agencies.

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