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BVI Nurses Association President Receives Regional Leadership Award

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President of the BVI Nurses Association, Mrs. Rosa Ravariere-Seaman, has received the Josefa Wouter Professional Organization Leadership Award in recognition of her outstanding leadership and contribution to the nursing profession in the Virgin Islands and across the Caribbean.

The award was presented during the Caribbean Nurses Organisation Conference, held from 23 to 31 October 2026. Mrs. Ravariere-Seaman was also re-elected as Assistant Treasurer of the regional organisation for a second consecutive term.

Chief Nursing Officer Mrs. Jascinth Hannibal congratulated Mrs. Ravariere-Seaman on both achievements, noting that the recognition reflects the important contribution of Virgin Islands nurses to the advancement of the profession regionally.

“Congratulations to Mrs. Ravariere-Seaman on this well-deserved honour. This award recognises her leadership and years of service in the Virgin Islands and across the Caribbean,” Mrs. Hannibal said.

Established in 1980 in memory of former Caribbean Nurses Organisation President Josefa Wouter, the award recognises outstanding leadership and service to national and regional nursing organisations. It honours contributions to nursing education, professional practice, advocacy and the health of Caribbean communities.

Mrs. Ravariere-Seaman was among seven representatives of the BVI Nurses Association who participated in the regional conference, which brought together nursing leaders, educators, practitioners, students and policymakers from 19 Caribbean countries and territories.

Held under the theme, “Sustaining Nursing Excellence: Advancing the Human, Scientific and Technological Innovations in Care,” the conference provided an opportunity for regional dialogue on strengthening nursing practice and improving healthcare delivery.

The BVI delegation included Vice President Jenuel McSheene, Secretary Ghislaine Olive, Treasurer Avalina Valrose, and members Rupertha Ephraim, Gretchen Hodge-Penn and Sandrine Phipps.

The Ministry of Health and Social Development continues to recognise the important role of nursing professionals in strengthening healthcare delivery, advancing professional standards and improving health outcomes throughout the Virgin Islands.

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