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To: American Reliable Insurance Company<sup>®</sup>, Diamond State Group<sup>®</sup>, Penn-America Group<sup>®</sup>, United National Group<sup>®</sup>, VacantExpress.com<sup>®</sup>, and Collectibles Insurance Services Producers Writing Business in Texas and Louisiana

Date: August 24, 2017

Subject: Binding Authority Suspension ~ Tropical Storm Harvey – Texas and Louisiana

# Please share this announcement with your staff

The National Hurricane Center of the National Weather Service has issued hurricane and tropical storm watches and warnings for Tropical Storm Harvey. The current projected path of Tropical Storm Harvey is expected to affect the states of Texas and Louisiana as a major storm. Specific areas affected by the hurricane and tropical storm watches and warnings include areas:

### Hurricane Watches and Warnings:

Port Mansfield to Matagorda, Texas South of Port Mansfield, Texas to the Mouth of the Rio Grande River

## **Tropical Storm Watches and Warnings:**

North of Matagorda to High Island, Texas South of Port Mansfield, Texas to the Mouth of the Rio Grande South of the Mouth of the Rio Grande River to Boca de Catan Mexico

## This event affects the following Counties and Parishes:

**Texas:** Anderson, Angelina, Bandera, Bastrop, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Bosque, Brazos, Burleson, Burnet, Caldwell, Cherokee, Comal, Coryell, Dimmit, Edwards, Falls, Freestone, Frio, Gillespie, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hamilton, Hardin, Hays, Hidalgo, Hill, Jasper, Jim Hogg, Houston, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Lampasas, LaSalle, Lee, Leon, Limestone, Llano, Madison, Mason, Maverick, McCulloch, McLennan, Medina, Menard, Milam, Mills, Montgomery, Navarro, Nacogdoches, Newton, Orange, Polk, Real, Robertson, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, San Saba, Starr, Travis, Trinity, Tyler, Uvalde, Walker, Washington, Williamson, Zapata Webb, Zavala

Louisiana: Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Jefferson-Davis

<u>Please Note</u>: Your property (including business income, extra expense, auto physical damage, and any other ancillary property coverage), inland marine, builders risk, marine (including yacht, houseboat, performance,

and small boat), and motorcycle binding authority is automatically suspended for new business and endorsement activity increasing coverage anytime a tropical storm or hurricane watch or warning is declared. This applies to all areas within 100 miles of the affected coastline. Transactions that have already been bound may be issued, but no new or expanded coverage(s) may be bound until further notice.

We will continue to monitor the storm and will notify you of any modifications to this policy and endorsement binding suspension as warranted by development of the storm. The <u>National Weather Service – National</u> <u>Hurricane Center</u> website provides the most recent information regarding the storm's activity.

#### **EXPIRATION OF MORATORIUM**

This moratorium will remain in effect until the storm watch and/or warning is lifted.

#### Person to Contact

If you have any questions, please contact your Underwriter.