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**To: Diamond State Group®, Penn-America Group®, United National Group®, VacantExpress.com®, and Collectibles Insurance Services Producers Writing Business in Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi**

**Date: September 10, 2024**

**Subject: Binding Authority Suspension ~ Hurricane Francine – TX, LA, and MS**

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**Please share this announcement with your staff**

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The National Hurricane Center of the National Weather Service has issued a hurricane warning for Hurricane Francine. The current projected path of Hurricane Francine is expected to affect the state(s) of Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi as a major storm. Specific areas affected by the hurricane warning include areas Gulf coastal counties of Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi.

This event affects the following counties:

**Texas:**

Cameron, Willacy, Kenedy, Kleberg, Nueces, San Patricio, Refugio, Aransas, Calhoun, Matagorda, Brazoria, Galveston, Chambers, Jefferson, and Orange

**Louisiana:**

Cameron Parish, Vermilion Parish, Iberia Parish, St. Mary Parish, Terrebonne Parish, Lafourche Parish, Jefferson Parish, Plaquemines Parish, St. Bernard Parish, Orleans Parish, St. Charles Parish, John the Baptist Parish, Tangipahoa Parish, St. Tammany Parish, Calcasieu Parish, Jefferson Davis Parish, Acadia Parish, Lafayette Parish, St. Martin Parish, Iberville Parish, Assumption Parish

**Mississippi:**

Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson

**Please Note:** Your property (including business income, extra expense, auto physical damage, and any other ancillary property coverage), inland marine, builders risk, 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 [National Weather](#)

[Service – National Hurricane Center](#) 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.