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

Date: September 11, 2024

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

Please share this announcement with your staff

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, Mississippi, **and Alabama.**

New Suspended Counties:

Alabama:

Baldwin, and Mobile

Previously Suspended Counties:

Texas:

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

Louisiana:

Cameron, Vermilion, Iberia, St. Mary, Terrebonne, Lafourche, Jefferson, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, Orleans, St. Charles, John the Baptist, Tangipahoa, and St. Tammany

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.