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Comptroller of the Currency  
Administrator of National Banks

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Washington, DC 20219

**PROCLAMATION**

Due to emergency conditions in areas affected by the spread of wildfires in the State of California, including, but not limited to the counties of Los Angeles, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Ventura, I find that an emergency exists pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 95(b)(1). Accordingly, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency hereby authorizes national banking associations, at their discretion, to close offices in the areas affected by the severe fires.

Dated this twenty-seventh day of October, 2003.

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John D. Hawke, Jr.  
Comptroller of the Currency