



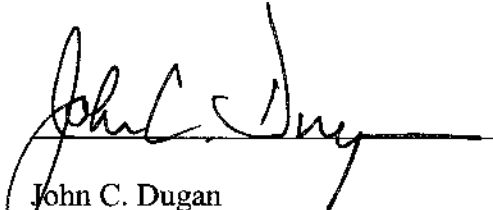
Comptroller of the Currency
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PROCLAMATION

Due to severe weather conditions in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina, 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 weather.

Dated this twenty fifth day of August 2005.



John C. Dugan
Comptroller of the Currency