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## OCC Allows National Bank Offices Affected by Hurricane Jeanne to Close

WASHINGTON -- The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency today issued a <u>proclamation</u> allowing national bank offices affected by Hurricane Jeanne to close at their discretion.

In issuing the proclamation, Senior Deputy Comptroller Timothy Long said he expects that only those bank offices directly affected by the severe weather will close. Those offices should make every effort to reopen as quickly as possible to address the banking needs of their customers, he added.

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The OCC charters, regulates and examines approximately 2,000 national banks and 51 federal branches of foreign banks in the U.S., accounting for more than 56 percent of the nation's banking assets. Its mission is to ensure a safe and sound and competitive national banking system that supports the citizens, communities and economy of the United States.