

**ORDER NO. 2017-013**

**ORDER AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY BRANCHES OR OFFICES**

I, Charles G. Cooper, Banking Commissioner of the State of Texas, issued a proclamation on August 24, 2017, authorizing Texas state-chartered banks with offices in areas affected by Hurricane Harvey and related weather conditions to temporarily close pursuant to Section 37.003 of the Texas Finance Code. On August 28, 2017, in response to the continuing damage and threat of damage caused by Hurricane Harvey, I amended the aforementioned proclamation to recognize additional affected areas.

On August 23, 2017, Governor Greg Abbott issued a disaster proclamation certifying that Hurricane Harvey posed a threat of imminent disaster, including severe flooding, storm surge and damaging winds to several Texas counties. By amendments on August 26 and 27, 2017, Governor Abbott declared a disaster in additional counties, such that a disaster has been declared in Aransas, Atascosa, Austin, Bastrop, Bee, Bexar, Brazoria, Brazos, Burleson, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cameron, Chambers, Colorado, Comal, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kerr, Kleberg, Lavaca, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Live Oak, Madison, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Polk, Refugio, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Tyler, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Washington, Wharton, Willacy and Wilson counties.

Accordingly, pursuant to the above disaster proclamations issued by Governor Abbott and myself, and in accordance with Texas Finance Code §§ 37.003 and 37.007, I find that an emergency has affected and will continue to affect certain Texas state-chartered banks for an extended period, and I hereby authorize banks organized under the laws of the State of Texas, in the areas indicated above and other areas that may be impacted by Hurricane Harvey and related

weather conditions, to open temporary branch offices or other facilities required for banking operations for the purpose of prompt restoration of access by the public to banking services.

A temporary bank office opened pursuant to this Order may remain open for so long as the conditions requiring the temporary office continue to exist.

**Effective Date**

This Order is effective on August 28, 2017, and remains in effect until November 27, 2017 or until such time as I rescind this Order.

Signed on this 28th day of August, 2017.

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/s/  
Charles G. Cooper  
Banking Commissioner of Texas