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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Department of Banking Issues Emergency Cease and Desist Order to Antioch St. John's Cemetery Company doing business as American Memorial Park**

On May 16, 2012, the Texas Banking Commissioner issued an Emergency Cease and Desist Order to Antioch St. John's Cemetery Company dba American Memorial Park; Gerald Weatherall, Sr., its president; and Beverly Randall-Weatherall, its vice-president, Grand Prairie, Texas, relating to the operation of the cemetery. The cemetery violated numerous provisions of the Texas Health and Safety Code. It was unable to renew its certificate of authority due to these violations and its unsatisfactory financial condition. The order requires the cemetery to immediately cease selling any new cemetery spaces and to cease cemetery operations except for performing burials for persons who owned plots in the cemetery as of May 16, 2012 and maintaining the property and grounds.

Inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to:

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