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FDIC SUSPENDS WITHDRAWAL PENALTIES FOR BANK DEPOSITORS VICTIMIZED
BY HURRICANE GLORIA IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Regional Director Jesse G. Snyder of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation today announced that the FDIC has granted bank depositors in Rhode Island, who suffered losses as a result of Hurricane Gloria occurring on September 27, 1985, temporary exemption from the interest rate regulations that penalize holders of time deposits for withdrawal of funds prior to maturity. The waiver is limited to depositors who have suffered losses in Newport and Washington Counties, the Town of Barrington in Bristol County, the Towns of East Greenwich and West Warwick and the City of Warwick in Kent County and the City of Cranston and the Town of Cumberland in Providence County.

Insured State-chartered banks that are not members of the Federal Reserve System, whether or not they are located in the immediate disaster areas, may allow depositors who can show that they have been damaged as a result of the disaster to withdraw all or part of their time deposits before maturity without paying a penalty. Depositors seeking to avail themselves of the suspension will be required to furnish their banks with proof of losses occasioned by this particular disaster.

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