INSTRUCTIONS

Under existing United States of America tax laws and regulations, the Bank is required to withhold taxes on interest the Bank pays to foreign entity customers unless those foreign entity customers provide to the Bank certain required documentation. This documentation includes a properly completed <u>Form W-8BEN-E</u> <u>"Certificate of Beneficial Owner for United States Tax Withholding and Reporting (Entities)"</u> and a properly completed <u>"Affidavit of Unchanged Status"</u>. All forms W-8BEN-E and related Affidavits received by Amerant Bank are securely recorded and maintained in the Bank's files.

Form W-8BEN-E and the related Affidavit require that they be filled out entirely in the sections that apply to the foreign entity customer's specific situation. They also require that they be signed in the spaces provided by an authorized signer on the account. It is important that you do not make any corrections or erasures, as this will nullify the documents.

