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**GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS COMPANY
ANNOUNCES ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

NEW YORK – Feb. 6 – The Board of Directors of General American Investors Company, Inc. (NYSE symbol – GAM), a closed-end investment company, declared on its 5.95% cumulative preferred stock, series B, a dividend and distribution of \$0.371875 per share payable in cash on March 25, 2019 to holders of record on March 7, 2019. This quarterly dividend and distribution represents a payment for the accrual period from December 24, 2018 through March 24, 2019. Preferred shareholders will be informed in early 2020 of the taxable portions of the distribution.

The Board of Directors also authorized the repurchase of an additional 1,000,000 outstanding shares of common stock when the shares are trading at a discount from the underlying net asset value by at least 8%. This continues a repurchase program which began in March 1995. Through December 31, 2018, the Company has repurchased 27.4 million shares of common stock for \$809 million at an average discount of 13.6%.

General American Investors was founded in 1927, has been publicly traded since its inception and has been listed on the NYSE since 1930. The objective of the Company is long-term capital appreciation through investment in companies with above average growth potential. The Company has total net assets of approximately \$1.0 billion applicable to its 25.8 million shares of common stock outstanding as of January 31, 2019. The aggregate liquidation value of the Company's preferred stock is \$190 million (NYSE symbol – GAM Pr B).

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