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## **Harris Joins City of Chicago in Support of Maintaining Good Health Habits**

CHICAGO, May 11, 2009 – Harris announced today that it is partnering with the City of Chicago in their response to prevent the spread of H1N1 and other viruses. In support of protecting the public, Harris will fund the hand sanitizing gel at more than 400 new sanitizing stations throughout O’Hare International Airport and Chicago Midway Airport.

“As Chicago’s hometown bank, we applaud our Mayor, the Governor and the Chicago Department of Public Health for their leadership in addressing this public health issue and in helping to maintain good health habits for travelers,” said Ellen Costello, President and CEO of Harris Financial Corp. “We are proud to be able to help in any way and support these important initiatives.”

“On behalf of the City of Chicago and the Department of Aviation, I want to express my appreciation to Harris Bank for its generous and immediate support of O’Hare and Midway International Airports in response to the recent public health concerns in Chicago,” said Rosemarie S. Andolino, Aviation Commissioner. “Thanks to local, corporate partners like Harris, we can provide additional amenities that benefit the health of travelers from around the world.”

Harris has been helping its customers and the communities it serves for generations and has more than 280 full-service locations and more than 630 ATMs in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin.

### **About Harris**

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