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CHICAGO'S AIRPORTS 'GO PINK' IN OCTOBER

*O'Hare and Midway International Airports participate in
2011 Breast Cancer Awareness Month campaign*

CHICAGO – The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) is participating in Breast Cancer Awareness Month by displaying pink lights, ribbons and other related decorations at O'Hare and Midway International Airports during the month of October. The CDA's participation supports the Lynn Sage Cancer Research Foundation's "2011 Light the Way to Find a Cure" campaign and is proud to support the foundation's efforts for a fourth consecutive year.

"On behalf of Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the City of Chicago, the CDA is proud to bring attention to this important health issue," said CDA Commissioner Rosemarie S. Andolino. "We hope to further raise awareness about breast cancer research for the millions of visitors who will travel through O'Hare and Midway this month."

Twelve-foot lighted pink bows are affixed to the main entrance and exit signs at O'Hare, as well as on each pedestrian bridge over the roadway between the Airport Transit System (ATS) and Terminals 1, 2, 3 and 5. The CDA Operations Tower and airport landscaping are lit with pink lights.

At Midway, the Cicero Avenue Bridge on both the north and south sides is decorated with pink ribbons. More than 100 pink ribbons are placed in planters along the terminal roadway and in the terminal itself, along with pink lighting in some areas of the terminal. "Light the Way to Find a Cure" posters are also in the domestic and international terminals.

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The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) is self-supporting, using no local or state tax dollars for operations or capital improvements at O'Hare and Midway International airports. Together, Chicago's airports generate more than \$45 billion in annual economic activity and create 540,000 jobs for the region. Please visit www.flychicago.com to learn more about the Chicago Department of Aviation.

The O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP) transforms O'Hare's airfield from an outdated system of intersecting runways into a modern parallel runway configuration. The program will reduce overall delays at the Airport by 79 percent, and bad weather delays by 95 percent. It will create 195,000 new jobs and \$18 billion in additional economic activity each year. Please visit www.oharemodernization.org to learn more about the OMP.

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Photo 1 -



Photo 1 caption – Posters supporting the Lynn Sage Cancer Foundation 2011” Light the Way to Find a Cure” are featured in the domestic and international terminals at O’Hare International Airport during the month of October.

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Photo 2 –



Photo 2 caption – Hundred of pink ribbons decorate the landscaping and terminal at Midway International Airport in support of the Lynn Sage Cancer Foundation 2011 "Light the Way to Find a Cure" during the month of October.

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