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Marquette National Corporation Declares Special Dividend of \$25 per Share

Chicago, IL - October 17, 2006 – (Symbol/MNAT.PK)-- Marquette National Corporation today announced that its Board of Directors declared a special cash dividend of \$25 per share. The special dividend will be payable on January 12, 2007 to shareholders of record on December 15, 2006. At the same meeting, the Board of Directors also declared a regular quarterly dividend rate of \$6.25 per share. As of September 30, 2006, Marquette had 251,033 shares issued and outstanding.

Commenting on the special dividend, Marquette Chairman, Paul M. McCarthy, said, “The lower tax rates on dividends continue to provide an opportunity for the Company to return capital to our shareholders in the form of a special dividend. A special dividend is a simple, fair, transparent process in which all shareholders participate equally in a cash distribution.”

Marquette National Corporation is a diversified bank holding company with total assets of approximately \$1.7 billion. The Company's banking subsidiary, Marquette Bank, is a full-service, customer-focused community bank that serves the financial needs of communities in Chicagoland, offering an extensive line of financial products including retail banking, insurance, investments, mortgage, trust and business banking to consumers and commercial customers. Marquette Bank has 25 offices located in Chicago, Aurora, Bolingbrook, Bridgeview, Evergreen Park, Hickory Hills, Lemont, New Lenox, Oak Forest, Oak Lawn, Orland Park, Romeoville and Summit, Illinois. For more information visit:

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