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Bank of America Chicago Marathon Registration to Open Sunday, February 1

32nd Annual Event to Take Place on Sunday, October 11

CHICAGO, IL (January 22, 2009) – Online registration for the 2009 Bank of America Chicago Marathon will open to the public beginning at midnight (CST) on February 1 at chicagomarathon.com. The 32-year-old 26.2-mile race will be held on Sunday, October 11, beginning and ending in Chicago's historic Grant Park. Registration is open to the first 45,000 registered participants.

"We are proud to continue the tradition of the Bank of America Chicago Marathon, one that brings its participants, spectators and the city of Chicago such a memorable and rewarding experience," said David Rudis, Bank of America Illinois President. "This event unites people in a unique and lasting way making it a perfect fit for Bank of America's continued commitment to the communities we serve."

The 2009 Bank of America Chicago Marathon will start and finish in Chicago's Grant Park beginning at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 11. Registration will open to the public on Sunday, February 1 and close when the participant capacity of 45,000 is reached. In advance of the race, a two-day Health & Fitness Expo will be held at McCormick Place on Friday, October 9 and Saturday, October 10. More information on the race, registration and how to get involved is available at chicagomarathon.com.

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