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**Gary / Chicago International Airport Celebrates Earth Day**

*Premier Mid-Sized Airport Increased Growth and Investment Yields Sustainable Operations Model*

**(Gary, IN – April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025)** – In recognition of Earth Day, the [Gary / Chicago International Airport \(GCIAG\)](#) has joined with entities throughout the world in showcasing its efforts to provide a more sustainable operations model for its aviation offerings. The past year has seen substantial efforts on behalf of the airport to modernize its equipment, including the purchase of an electric ramp sweeper that has replaced its old diesel engine sweeper, which was financed via a grant from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). Further, the airport has recently replaced older, increasingly obsolete diesel snow brooms with Tier 4 engines and emissions systems that reduces its carbon footprint, while replacing all runway lighting with modern Light Emitting Diode (LED) nodes to increase energy efficiency.

“As we celebrate the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day, the Gary / Chicago International Airport remains committed to playing its role in creating a safe, modern and energy efficient airport for tenants and users to enjoy,” **said GCIAG Executive Director Dan Vicari**. “We have seen substantial growth and investment in the past decade at the airport, which has allowed GCIAG the opportunity to substantially modernize its offerings and implement modern technology to reduce our carbon footprint.”

Earth Day is always celebrated on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and was initially proclaimed in 1970 by President Richard Nixon. The inaugural celebration included over 20 million people attending events at schools, universities, libraries and other public areas throughout the country. As recognition around the event grew, it would eventually expand to include marches, education efforts and other public displays of recognition as to the importance of preserving the environment and ensuring awareness of reducing environmental impacts.

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