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**HARLEYSVILLE GROUP INC. DECLARES  
79TH CONSECUTIVE QUARTERLY DIVIDEND**

HARLEYSVILLE, PA—February 22, 2006—The Board of Directors of Harleysville Group Inc. (NASDAQ: HGIC) today declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.175 per share, payable March 30, 2006, to shareholders of record on March 15, 2006. This marks the 79th consecutive quarter Harleysville Group has paid a dividend since the company went public in 1986.

Harleysville Insurance is a leading regional provider of insurance products and services for small and mid-sized businesses, as well as for individuals, and ranks among the top 60 U.S. property/casualty insurance groups based on net written premiums. Harleysville Mutual Insurance Company owns 56 percent of Harleysville Group Inc. (NASDAQ: HGIC), a publicly traded holding company for nine regional property/casualty insurance companies collectively rated A- (Excellent) by A.M. Best Company. Harleysville Insurance—which distributes its products exclusively through independent insurance agencies and reflects that commitment to its agency force by being a Trusted Choice<sup>®</sup> company partner—currently operates in 32 eastern and midwestern states. Further information can be found on the company's Web site at [www.harleysvillegroup.com](http://www.harleysvillegroup.com).

To obtain investor materials, including the company's latest annual report, Form 10-K and other corporate announcements, contact the investor relations department (215.256.5151 or [investorrelations@harleysvillegroup.com](mailto:investorrelations@harleysvillegroup.com)) or visit the company's Web site.

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