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**MICROCHIP TECHNOLOGY DECLARES RECORD  
QUARTERLY CASH DIVIDEND; INCREASES  
DIVIDEND TO 34.6 CENTS PER SHARE**

Chandler, Arizona – May 5, 2011 – (NASDAQ: MCHP) – Microchip Technology Incorporated, a leading provider of microcontroller, analog and Flash-IP solutions, today announced that its Board of Directors has declared a quarterly cash dividend on its common stock of 34.6 cents per share. The dividend is payable on June 2, 2011 to stockholders of record on May 19, 2011. Microchip initiated quarterly cash dividend payments in the third quarter of fiscal year 2003.

“The cash flow from Microchip’s business continues to be strong, and we ended fiscal 2011 with \$1.7 billion in cash and investments on the balance sheet,” said Steve Sanghi, President and CEO. “The Board of Directors is pleased to announce this increase in Microchip’s quarterly dividend payment to our stockholders.”

**Cautionary Statement:**

The statement contained in this release relating to cash flow continuing to be strong is a forward-looking statement made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. This statement involves risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially, including, but not limited to: actual cash flows generated from and used in the operation of our business; actual or projected levels of capital expenditures; our balance of cash and investments; changes in demand or market acceptance of our products and the products of our customers; the mix of inventory we hold and our ability to satisfy short-term orders from our inventory; changes in utilization of our manufacturing capacity and our ability to effectively ramp our production levels; our ability to control the level of operating expenses relative to our level of revenues, competitive developments including pricing pressures; the level of orders that are received and can be shipped in a quarter; the level of sell-through of our products through distribution; changes or fluctuations in customer order patterns and seasonality;

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costs and outcome of any current or future tax audit or any litigation involving intellectual property, customers or other issues; the impact of any significant acquisitions we may make, the impact of the events in Japan on the economy and our business, disruptions in our business or the businesses of our customers or suppliers due to natural disasters, terrorist activity, armed conflict, war, worldwide oil prices and supply, public health concerns or disruptions in the transportation system; and general economic, industry or political conditions in the United States or internationally.

For a detailed discussion of these and other risk factors, please refer to Microchip's filings on Forms 10-K and 10-Q. You can obtain copies of Forms 10-K and 10-Q and other relevant documents for free at Microchip's website ([www.microchip.com](http://www.microchip.com)) or the SEC's website ([www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)) or from commercial document retrieval services.

Stockholders of Microchip are cautioned not to place undue reliance on our forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date such statements are made. Microchip does not undertake any obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statements to reflect events, circumstances or new information after this May 5, 2011 press release, or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

**About Microchip:**

Microchip Technology Incorporated is a leading provider of microcontroller, analog and Flash-IP solutions, providing low-risk product development, lower total system cost and faster time to market for thousands of diverse customer applications worldwide. Headquartered in Chandler, Arizona, Microchip offers outstanding technical support along with dependable delivery and quality. For more information, visit the Microchip website at [www.microchip.com](http://www.microchip.com).

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