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**MARIAH's SWEET 16th #1 WITH "WE BELONG TOGETHER" –
SHARES PANTHEON WITH THE BEATLES & ELVIS PRESLEY !**

THE EMANCIPATION OF MIMI CERTIFIED DOUBLE-PLATINUM

**TV performance on "Wildest Dream" finale of The Oprah Winfrey Show this week, to be
followed by MTV Movie Awards (June 9th) and 5th annual BET Awards (June 28th)**

(May 25, 2005 – New York, NY) Performer and songwriter **Mariah Carey** secures her place as the #1 most successful female artist *of all time* as **"We Belong Together"** becomes her 16th song to top the Billboard Hot 100. This positions Mariah as the only artist in contention to surpass the Beatles (with 20 #1's) and Elvis Presley (18 #1's) in the modern era. (With 62 total weeks of #1 hits since 1990, Mariah also ranks 2nd only to Elvis, with 80 weeks.) This monumental achievement comes as Mariah's brand new Island Def Jam album, the top 5 **THE EMANCIPATION OF MIMI**, crosses the RIAA double-platinum mark of 2 million units, just 6 weeks after its stunning #1 debut on the Billboard 200 albums chart.

"Mariah Carey's energy and enthusiasm is at an all-time high," said Antonio "L.A." Reid, Chairman, Island Def Jam Music Group, "and **MIMI** is on the verge of becoming one of the most successful albums of her career as a result. It is with a combination of pride and awe that I congratulate Mariah on accomplishing what no other female in modern pop history has been able to do – no one is more deserving than Mariah Carey of sharing the pantheon with the greatest of the greats."

"We Belong Together," written by Mariah and co-produced by her with Jermaine Dupri – also #1 on the Rhythmic Top 40 chart (the most spins ever by a female at the format), #1 on the Streaming Audio chart for a 6th consecutive week, and #1 overall on the AOL Music Network's Top 11 – has been named the biggest single in the **HISTORY** of both Mariah and Island Def Jam as it passes the 157 million audience plateau this week. The videos for **"We Belong Together"** and **"It's Like That"** stay in rotation on VH1, MTV and BET – both clips were shot contiguously by famed Hollywood director Brett Ratner (*Rush Hour*, *Red Dragon*, *After the Sunset*).

Mariah's 2 month-long television schedule brought her to Los Angeles for performances on *The Tonight Show* with Jay Leno and *The Ellen DeGeneres Show* – after appearances in New York on *Good Morning America*, *The Late Show* with David Letterman, *Live with Regis & Kelly*, and *The View*. Mariah performed **"We Belong Together"** as Oprah Winfrey's special lead guest on Tuesday, May 24th, for the finale show of Oprah's "Wildest Dreams" season. Also just announced: Mariah will perform **"We Belong Together"** at the star-studded annual MTV Movie Awards, airing June 9th at 8:30 p.m./ET. On June 28th, Mariah will

perform at the 5th annual BET Awards gala, where she is nominated as Best Female R&B Artist.

Mariah Carey is an award-winning superstar with cumulative total sales of her albums, singles and long-form videos in excess of 75-times platinum in the U.S. alone and 150 million worldwide, making her the top-selling female artist in history. With a record 16 #1 singles – more than any female artist of the past century – two Grammy Awards, eight American Music Awards, Billboard magazine’s Artist of the Decade Award, and the World Music Award as World's Best Selling Female Artist of the Millennium – Mariah Carey’s ongoing career remains an unparalleled success story in the history of contemporary popular music.

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