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**ALLIANCE FINANCIAL CORPORATION BOARD  
AUTHORIZES STOCK REPURCHASE**

**SYRACUSE, NY, September 28, 2005** – The Board of Directors of Alliance Financial Corporation (**NASDAQ: ALNC**) has authorized the repurchase of up to five percent (5%) of the company's outstanding common stock, or approximately 180,000 shares, over a 12-month period starting October 1. Purchases will be made from time to time in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions.

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