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## IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# **Horry County Department of Airports MYR Celebrates 1,000,000 Passenger Milestone**

*Myrtle Beach, SC November 2, 2017* – Today, Myrtle Beach International Airport (MYR) celebrated the milestone of welcoming 1,000,000 passengers to the Grand Strand.

On Thursday, November 2, 2017 Myrtle Beach International Airport celebrated welcoming 1,000,000 passengers to Myrtle Beach, SC. This is the first time in the history of MYR to achieve this milestone in a calendar year.

Year-to-date October 2017 Spirit Airlines has flown 55-percent of all arriving seat capacity at MYR, followed by American (17%), Delta (13%), Allegiant (12%), United (3%), WestJet (0.5%) and Porter (0.2%).

“When air carriers introduce new nonstop service or add capacity from existing markets to the Grand Strand it provides the traveling public more flight options, while directly benefiting our community, said Scott Van Moppes, director of airports for Horry County. “Over the past several years our airline partners have added an incredible amount of capacity at the Myrtle Beach International Airport during our spring, summer and fall seasons. As a result of increased capacity plus being the preferred airport in the region, serving one of the most popular destinations and fastest growing markets in the United States, passenger volumes have increased in our target seasons at a phenomenal rate. We want to thank all of our airline partners for their continued commitment to our airport and marketplace.”

**About the Myrtle Beach International Airport (MYR)** The Myrtle Beach International Airport is the gateway to Myrtle Beach, SC and the Grand Strand. The Myrtle Beach International Airport is owned by Horry County and operated by the Department of Airports. MYR is served by Allegiant Air, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Porter Airlines, Spirit Airlines, United Airlines and WestJet.

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