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Horry County Department of Airports FAA Awards MYR Safety Award

Myrtle Beach, SC, June 4, 2018 – The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Airports Division, has honored the Myrtle Beach International Airport (MYR) with the Airport Safety Mark of Distinction Award.

“We developed this award to promote safety among the FAA Southern Region certificated airports and to recognize any action, effort, or event involving an airport that deserves praise for its intended or demonstrated effect on the advancement of safety,” said Steven E. Hicks, FAA Southern Region airports division director in the letter advising MYR that it will receive the award. “The Horry County Department of Airport’s staff is to be praised for the outstanding manner in which they have planned, programmed, and implemented multiple airfield improvements including signs, markings, lighting, safety area, and pavement repairs at their single-runway airport. With the increase in air carrier operations at MYR, we understand that this is not an easy task and the staff have accomplished all of those improvements with an impeccable safety record.”

“I am honored to work with so many dedicated aviation professionals,” said Scott Van Moppes, director of airports for Horry County. “It is our commitment to operate a safe airport that exceeds expectations. Our team is the best at what they do, always rising to the occasion and I thank our staff for their continued diligence in maintaining our facilities to the highest standards.”

About the Airport Safety Mark of Distinction Award Airports Division will award airports that display exemplary effort or initiative in the name of airport safety the "Airport Safety Mark of Distinction" award. The FAA Southern Region Airport Certification Safety inspector assigned to an airport can nominate that airport for this award. Any special airport program, initiative, effort, or record that has or shows promise to dramatically enhance airport safety, is eligible for recognition.

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, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Elite Airways, Frontier Airlines, Porter Airlines, Spirit, United Airlines and WestJet. Learn more at: www.flymyrtlebeach.com

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