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## **IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## Horry County Department of Airports August 2017 Passengers Volumes Up 22%

*Myrtle Beach, SC, September 14, 2017* – During August 2017, a total of 301,895 passengers passed through the Myrtle Beach International Airport (MYR), an increase of 22.1-percent compared to August 2016.

At MYR, total passenger traffic in August 2017, which includes enplanements and deplanements, totaled 301,895 compared to 247,307 in August 2016. The number of people arriving on flights, or deplanements, totaled 146,430 compared to 120,839 in 2016.

"The Myrtle Beach, SC area is in high-demand, more people want to visit and are looking for convenient options to get to the destination quickly, our airline partners realize the opportunity and continue to increase nonstop air service offerings at MYR," said Scott Van Moppes, director of airports. "August 2017 was a big month at the Myrtle Beach International Airport as our airline partners significantly increased flight operations, resulting in a 23-percent seat capacity increase. As a result of strong demand for the destination the Airport welcomed more passengers in August 2017 than any August on record."

Detailed passenger statistics are located at flymyrtlebeach.com, under "About MYR."

**About the Myrtle Beach International Airport (MYR)** The Myrtle Beach International Airport is the gateway to the 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, Porter Airlines, Spirit, United Airlines and WestJet. Learn more at: <u>www.flymyrtlebeach.com</u>

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