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## IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Horry County Department of Airports All-time Passenger Record Set at MYR**

*Myrtle Beach, SC, January 12, 2017* – For the second consecutive year, Myrtle Beach International Airport (MYR) has set a new record for passenger traffic. Year-ending December 2016 more than 1.94 million total passengers passed through the Airport, an increase of 6.2 percent compared to 2015.

At MYR, total passenger traffic in 2016, which includes enplanements and deplanements, totaled 1,942,927 compared to 1,830,071 in 2015. The number of people arriving on flights, or deplanements, totaled 972,041 compared to 916,720 in 2015. In December 2016 41,727 passengers arrived, or 9.2 percent more than December 2015.

“The record number of passengers using the Airport in 2016 is exciting, and we thank our airline partners for their continued growth in our marketplace,” said Scott Van Moppes, director of airports for Horry County. “As a result of a healthy airline industry and the strength of the Myrtle Beach, SC market our carriers continue to increase service offerings at MYR. In 2016 MYR had a record number of nonstop markets served and seat capacity available, making it easy for more passengers than ever before to use the Myrtle Beach International Airport.”

#### ***2016 Highlights***

##### 2016 New nonstop markets (airline-market)

Allegiant - Harrisburg, PA (MDT), Stewart-Newburgh, NY (SWF), Toledo, OH, (TOL)

American - New York-La Guardia, NY (LGA)

Elite – Islip, NY (ISP)

##### 2016 Nonstop Markets Served (market-airport code)

Akron/Canton, OH (CAK), Allentown, PA (ABE) Atlanta, GA (ATL), Atlantic City, NJ (ACY), Baltimore, MD (BWI), Boston, MA (BOS), Charleston, WV (CRW), Charlotte-Douglas, NC (CLT), Chicago-O'Hare, IL (ORD), Cincinnati, OH, KY (CVG), Clarksburg, WV (CKB), Cleveland, OH (CLE), Columbus, OH (LCK), Dallas/Fort Worth, TX (DFW), Detroit, MI (DTW), Fort Lauderdale, FL (FLL), Fort Wayne, IN (FWA), Harrisburg, PA (MDT), Huntington, WV (HTS), Indianapolis, IN, (IND), Islip, NY (ISP), Latrobe, PA (LBE), Lexington, KY (LEX), Stewart-Newburgh, NY (SWF), NY-LaGuardia, NY (LGA), Newark, NJ (EWR), Niagara Falls, NY (IAG), Philadelphia, PA (PHL), Pittsburgh, PA (PIT), Plattsburgh, NY (PBG), Syracuse, NY (SYR), Toledo, OH (TOL), Toronto, ON, CA (YYZ), Toronto-City, ON, CA (YTZ), Washington-National, DC (DCA), Youngstown/Warren, OH (YNG)

## 2016 Total passenger market share

Allegiant 10.5%, charter operations (misc. airlines) 0.2%, United 2.2%, Delta 16.3 percent, Porter 0.3%, Spirit 50.9%, American 18.9%, Elite 0.1%, WestJet/Encore 0.7%, ViaAir 0.02 percent

Passenger statistics can be located at [www.flymyrtlebeach.com](http://www.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 Air, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Elite Airways, Porter Airlines, Spirit, United Airlines and WestJet.

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