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

Myrtle Beach, SC, January 22, 2018 – For the third consecutive year, Myrtle Beach International Airport (MYR) has set a new record for passenger traffic, while surpassing 1.0-million arriving passengers for the first time. Year-ending December 2017 more than 2.27-million total passengers passed through the Airport, an increase of 17.2 percent over 2016.

At MYR, total passenger traffic in 2017, which includes enplanements and deplanements, totaled 2,277,965 compared to 1,942,927 in 2016. The number of people arriving on flights, or deplanements, totaled 1,135,040 compared to 972,041 in 2016. In December 2017, 50,881 passengers arrived at MYR, or 21.9 percent more than December 2016.

“In 2017, Myrtle Beach International Airport welcomed more than 1.0-million passengers for the first time ever,” said Scott Van Moppes, director of airports for Horry County. “The volume of passengers arriving at MYR is the result of the airport serving one of the most popular destinations in the U.S.; however, this success would not be realized without a healthy airline industry and having the right-sized airport facilities. In April 2013, MYR airport capacity almost doubled, increasing from six jet bridges to twelve, while improving the customer experience with more concessions, larger ticketing/baggage areas and more. Looking forward, it is assumed passenger traffic through MYR will continue to increase as demand for the Grand Strand continues to increase. Horry County Department of Airports thanks its airline partners for their continued commitment to our airport and the destination – Myrtle Beach, SC.”

2017 Highlights

2017 New nonstop markets (airline-market)

Allegiant – Belleville-St. Louis (BLV), Dayton, OH (DAY), Portsmouth, NH (PSM); Spirit – Hartford, CT (BDL)

2017 Markets with more seat capacity than in 2016

Akron/Canton, OH (CAK), Allentown, PA (ABE), Atlanta, GA (ATL), Atlantic City, NJ (ACY), Baltimore, MD (BWI), Belleville-St. Louis, IL (BLV), Charlotte-Douglas, NC (CLT), Cincinnati, OH, KY (CVG), Cleveland, OH (CLE), Columbus, OH (LCK), Dayton, OH (DAY), Detroit, MI (DTW), Harrisburg, PA (MDT), Hartford, CT (BDL), Huntington, WV (HTS), Indianapolis, IN, (IND), Latrobe, PA (LBE), Stewart-Newburgh, NY (SWF), NY-LaGuardia, NY (LGA), Newark, NJ (EWR), Niagara Falls, NY (IAG), Philadelphia, PA (PHL), Pittsburgh, PA (PIT), Portsmouth, NH (PSM), Syracuse, NY

(SYR), Washington-National, DC (DCA)

2017 Nonstop Markets Served (market-airport code)

Akron/Canton, OH (CAK), Allentown, PA (ABE), Atlanta, GA (ATL), Atlantic City, NJ (ACY), Baltimore, MD (BWI), Belleville-St. Louis, IL (BLV), 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), Dayton, OH (DAY), Detroit, MI (DTW), Fort Lauderdale, FL (FLL), Fort Wayne, IN (FWA), Harrisburg, PA (MDT), Hartford, CT (BDL), Huntington, WV (HTS), Indianapolis, IN, (IND), 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), Portsmouth, NH (PSM), Syracuse, NY (SYR), Toronto, ON, CA (YYZ), Toronto-City, ON, CA (YTZ), Washington-National, DC (DCA), Youngstown/Warren, OH (YNG)

2017 Total passenger market share

Spirit 51.8%, American 19.2%, Delta 13.9%, Allegiant 10.6%, United 3.5%, WestJet-Encore 0.5%, charter (misc. airlines) 0.3%, Porter 0.1%

Passenger statistics can be located at www.flymyrtlebeach.com, under "About MYR."

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, United Airlines and WestJet.

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