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SOUTHWEST FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT REPORTS RECORD-BREAKING SEPTEMBER TRAFFIC AND BEST FISCAL YEAR IN AIRPORT HISTORY

FORT MYERS, Fla. (Oct. 19, 2018) – During September, 418,256 passengers traveled through Southwest Florida International Airport in Fort Myers, Fla., an increase of 27.7 percent compared to September 2017. Year-to-date, passenger traffic is up 6.3 percent from the same period last year. In addition, Southwest Florida International Airport reported 9,256,500 passengers for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2018, breaking all records in the 35-year history of the airport.

The traffic leader in September was Delta Air Lines with 93,483 passengers traveling to and from Fort Myers. Rounding out the top five airlines were American (72,983), Southwest (66,667), JetBlue (60,934) and United (39,986).

Southwest Florida International Airport had 4,043 aircraft operations, a decrease of 4.9 percent compared to September 2017. Page Field saw 7,952 operations, a 45.5 percent increase from September 2017. In addition, slightly more than 2.3 million pounds of air freight moved through Southwest Florida International Airport in September 2018.

Southwest Florida International Airport served more than 8.8 million passengers in 2017 and is one of the top 50 U.S. airports for passenger traffic. No ad valorem (property) taxes are used for airport operation or construction. For more information, visit <u>www.flylcpa.com</u> or Like Us on Facebook at <u>www.facebook.com/flyRSW</u>.

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