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### **SOUTHWEST FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT REPORTS RECORD-BREAKING MARCH TRAFFIC**

FORT MYERS, Fla. (April 23, 2018) – During March, 1,379,728 passengers traveled through Southwest Florida International Airport in Fort Myers, Fla., an increase of 10.2 percent compared to March 2017. Year-to-date, passenger traffic is up 10 percent from the same period last year.

“Despite numerous flight cancellations in March due to weather conditions in other parts of the U.S., Southwest Florida International Airport still experienced the single-largest month for passenger traffic in our 35-year history and a record-breaking first quarter,” said Jeff Mulder, A.A.E., executive director of the Lee County Port Authority. “I want to thank our airlines and airport business partners for working together during the busy winter travel season to accommodate and welcome millions of travelers to our region.”

The traffic leader in March was Southwest Airlines with 297,668 passengers traveling to and from Fort Myers. Rounding out the top five airlines were Delta Air Lines (268,505), American (168,995), Spirit (166,602) and JetBlue (136,670).

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 [www.flylcpa.com](http://www.flylcpa.com) or Like Us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/flyRSW](https://www.facebook.com/flyRSW).