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AUTUMN TRAVEL CONTINUES GROWTH AT GENERAL MITCHELL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Nearly 25,000 More Passengers Flew This October

MILWAUKEE (December 8, 2016) – Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele announced today that steady growth at Milwaukee County's General Mitchell International Airport (MKE) continued in October as the airport saw 4.42% more passengers in October 2016 over 2015.

October's total of 580,416 passengers helped MKE report an increase in passengers in nine out of the first 10 months this year. Year-to-date growth is now at 3.21% with 177,599 more passengers using MKE.

"Mitchell International Airport's easy travel experience with quick, friendly curbside-to-gate service continues to attract passengers from not only Wisconsin, but also northern Illinois," explained Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele. "Couple that with service from all the major domestic airlines and nonstop service to 37 top destinations throughout the country, and it's easy to see why people are choosing Mitchell."

MKE continues to promote its new air service and convenience with the recent launch of its new rebranding and ad campaign, "Wherever Your Heart Desires," to continue to spread the message that for travelers in Wisconsin and northern Illinois, MKE is the choice airport offering friendly, personal service.

Mitchell Airport offers nonstop flights to 37 destinations coast-to-coast, and 160 international destinations are available from Milwaukee with easy, one-stop connections. MKE is the only airport in Wisconsin or northern Illinois to be served by all the major domestic carriers including Southwest, Delta, American, United, Alaska, Frontier, Air Canada and OneJet. The complete list of nonstop cities can be found at www.mitchellairport.com.

General Mitchell International Airport is owned by Milwaukee County and operated by the Department of Transportation, Airport Division, under the policy direction of the Milwaukee County Executive and the County Board of Supervisors. The airport is entirely funded by user fees; no property tax dollars are used for the airport's capital improvements or for its day-to-day operation.

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