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## **SOUTHWEST ADDS HOUSTON-HOBBY TO ITS NONSTOP ROSTER AT MKE**

**MILWAUKEE (July 27, 2017)** – Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele has announced that Southwest Airlines will launch new nonstop service between Milwaukee County's General Mitchell International Airport (MKE) and William P. Hobby Airport (HOU) in Houston, Texas.

"Houston is an important business and leisure market from MKE, and this new nonstop service will allow more travelers to fly to Houston from our hometown airport," County Executive Chris Abele said. "These new flights also allow for easy connections to Latin America and the Caribbean via Southwest's new international gateway at Houston's Hobby Airport."

The new daily nonstop flights begin March 8 and will operate year-round on full-size Boeing 737 jets featuring two free checked bags and no change fees. The daily flight departs Milwaukee at 10:30 A.M. and arrives in Houston at 1:30 P.M. The return flight departs Houston at 8:00 P.M. and arrives in Milwaukee at 10:30 P.M.

Today's announcement continues recent Southwest growth at MKE. Earlier this year, Southwest announced it would add nonstop flights from Milwaukee to both Nashville and Cleveland in November. Southwest flights can only be booked online at [Southwest.com](http://Southwest.com)

*Mitchell Airport offers nonstop flights to 40 destinations coast-to-coast, and 160 international destinations are available from Milwaukee with just one connection. MKE is served by Air Canada, Alaska, Allegiant, American, Delta, Frontier, OneJet, Southwest, United, and Volaris. The complete list of nonstop cities can be found at [www.mitchellairport.com](http://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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