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## Spirit Airlines to Launch Nonstop Service from Bradley International Airport to Fort Myers and Tampa Now Offering Five Nonstop Destinations from Bradley

Windsor Locks, CT | June 15, 2017 – Governor Dannel P. Malloy and the Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) are pleased to announce that Spirit Airlines, an ultra-low cost carrier, will expand its operations at Bradley International Airport, with the launch of nonstop, seasonal service to Fort Myers and Tampa. The expansion follows Spirit Airlines' recent launch of direct service to Orlando, Myrtle Beach and Fort Lauderdale.

"Expanding flight options at Bradley International Airport is vital to Connecticut's economic future. Each day more and more businesses and residents are turning to the airport as their first choice for air travel," Governor Malloy said. "The addition of these new flights increases opportunities for people in the area to get to where they need to go."

"We are excited to bring these two popular destinations to Bradley," said Mark Kopczak, Spirit Airlines' Vice President of Network Planning. "Spirit Airlines is committed to bringing more ultralow fare options to Hartford, and offering more nonstop flights to more of Florida. Our service will allow more friends to reconnect and more families to go on vacation, saving money on airfare to spend it at their destination."

Spirit Airlines currently operates nonstop flights from Bradley International Airport to Myrtle Beach and Orlando, which launched in late April. The nonstop flight to Fort Lauderdale launches today. The Fort Myers and Tampa flights will launch on November 9, 2017, and they will be offered seasonally from November through April.

"We're thrilled to announce today this new service to Fort Myers and Tampa," CAA Board Chairman Charles R. Gray said. "The introduction of this service reflects our ongoing commitment to expand our menu of flight options, aligns with the CAA's strategic goals, and heightens Bradley's already solid standing in the region."

"The CAA strives to provide its travelers access to the nation's most popular destinations," said Kevin A. Dillon, A.A.E. "The addition of this service to Fort Myers and Tampa provides further evidence of the CAA's focus on delivering the highest level of customer service and gives our passengers the opportunity to travel more conveniently."

The flight to Fort Myers will depart at 4:40 PM, with a 7:05 PM arrival at Fort Myers Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW). The flight to Tampa will depart at 7:30 AM, with an arrival at 10:40 AM at Tampa International Airport (TPA). These times are subject to change.

All Spirit's operations at Bradley will utilize either a 145-seat Airbus A319 or a 182-seat Airbus A320 aircraft.

## **About Bradley International Airport**

Bradley International Airport is the second largest airport in New England, with a customer base that covers the entire Northeast. In 2016, Bradley Airport marked its fourth consecutive year of year-over-year passenger growth. Amenities at the airport have grown during the past year and include the addition of an Escape Lounge, a Phillips Seafood restaurant, a duty-free shop, and a mother's nursing room.

## **About Connecticut Airport Authority**

The CAA was established in 2011 to develop, improve, and operate Bradley International Airport and the state's five general aviation airports (Danielson, Groton-New London, Hartford-Brainard, Waterbury-Oxford, and Windham). The CAA Board consists of 11 members with a broad spectrum of experience in aviation-related and other industries, as well as government. The goal of the CAA is to make Connecticut's airports more attractive to new airlines, bring in new routes, and support Connecticut's overall economic development and growth strategy.

## **About Spirit Airlines**

Spirit Airlines (NASDAQ: SAVE) is committed to offering the lowest total price to the places we fly, on average much lower than other airlines, on average more than 30% less\*. Our customers start with an unbundled, stripped-down Bare Fare<sup>TM</sup> and get Frill Control<sup>TM</sup> which allows them to pay only for the options they choose – like bags, seat assignments and refreshments – the things other airlines bake right into their ticket prices. We help people save money and travel more often, create new jobs and stimulate business growth in the communities we serve. Our Fit Fleet is one of the youngest, most fuel-efficient in the U.S. We operate more than 450 daily flights to 60 destinations in the U.S., Latin America and the Caribbean. Come save with us at www.spirit.com.

\*U.S. Department of Transportation statistics

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