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**MINER ANNOUNCES NEW ROUND TRIP
SERVICE TO FLORIDA ON ALLEGIANT AIR
TAKES OFF TODAY**

Miner Pushed To Bring the New, Low-Cost Air Carrier to Syracuse

First Flight Departs Syracuse-Hancock Int'l Airport at 11:30 AM

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Mayor Stephanie A. Miner announced the first Allegiant Air flight to St. Petersburg departs Syracuse at 11:30 AM on November 7, 2013. This is new air service provides twice weekly non-stop between the Syracuse-Hancock International Airport and the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport.

“This is just another sign of the continued success we have seen at the Syracuse airport,” said **Syracuse Mayor Stephanie A. Miner**. “Seeing the first flight of Allegiant take off today goes to show Syracuse is a market prime for expansion. It also shows our airport is an important hub for business and leisure travelers. We are excited to say ‘welcome aboard’ to our partners at Allegiant.”

“We are pleased to bring a new, affordable and convenient travel option to the residents of Syracuse,” said **Andrew C. Levy, Allegiant Travel Company President**. “We are confident the Central New York community will appreciate the convenience of flying nonstop to the Tampa Bay area and the added savings of bundling their air, hotel and car rental reservation together.”

The new flights will operate twice weekly between Syracuse Hancock International Airport (SYR) and St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport (PIE) year-round. Syracuse travelers can take advantage of everyday low fares and save even more when they book air, hotel, car and

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even activity and attraction reservations together. Flight days, times and the lowest fares can be found at Allegiant.com. Allegiant partners with more than 20 hotel properties, provides low-cost car rental service through its partnership with Alamo Rent a Car and offers great deals on activities such as dinner and ocean exploration cruises.

The first flight of Allegiant comes on the heels of a strong period of accomplishment for the Syracuse airport. Most recently, the Syracuse Common Council approved legislation giving final authorization to complete and submit the airport's application to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to transfer its certificate of operations from the City to the newly created Syracuse Regional Airport Authority. Mayor Miner, recognizing the airport's prominence as a rerouting site for the Northeast, successfully pushed the FAA to preserve the midnight shift at the airport during the federal budget sequester. The airport also recently opened a \$60 million expansion which increases concession space, streamlines security, and is built to LEED Silver certification standards.

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