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## SOUTHWEST AIRLINES ADDS MORE WARM WEATHER FLIGHTS, INCLUDING NEW NONSTOPS FROM MKE TO SARASOTA, FLORIDA

New nonstop service offered to Sarasota/Bradenton in April and May 2021

**MILWAUKEE (February 26, 2021)** –Milwaukee travelers will have a new way to visit Florida this spring thanks to new Southwest Airlines nonstop service from MKE to Sarasota Bradenton International Airport.

The new flights to Sarasota will be offered on Saturdays from April 17 through May 8 and will be operated with Boeing 737-700 aircraft. Tickets are available for purchase now at southwest.com.

In addition, Southwest is converting Saturday-only Fort Lauderdale service to daily nonstops beginning April 12. The new schedule features nonstop flights to Fort Lauderdale seven days per week, including two nonstops on Saturdays. Southwest is also increasing flight frequencies on several existing daily nonstop routes from MKE, including Fort Myers, Orlando, Phoenix, and Tampa beginning April 12.

"Florida continues to be the number one destination state for Milwaukee-based travelers, and Southwest is responding to this demand by flying to an additional Florida airport from MKE," said Airport Director Brian Dranzik. "The best way to keep this service for the long-term is to book tickets on this route and continue to always fly from MKE, our hometown airport."

MKE currently offers nonstop flights to 35 destinations coast-to-coast, and more than 200 international destinations are available with just one connection. MKE is served by Air Canada, Alaska, American, Apple/Funjet Vacations, Delta, Frontier, Southwest, Spirit, and United. The complete list of nonstop cities can be found at mitchellairport.com.

Milwaukee 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.