

SOUTHWEST ADDS NEW DAILY NONSTOP SERVICE TO SAN DIEGO FROM MKE

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MILWAUKEE (February 18, 2016) – Southwest Airlines announced today that it will launch new daily nonstop service from Milwaukee County's General Mitchell International Airport (MKE) to San Diego International Airport (SAN), beginning August 7th.

The new MKE-SAN daily nonstop service, will operate year-round, beginning in August. Tickets are now on sale for the new service at <u>www.southwest.com</u>, starting as low as \$139/way. This summer, Southwest will also begin Saturday-only service on June 11th, in advance of the new daily service.

"Southwest's new nonstop service to San Diego from MKE will offer both business and leisure travelers, here in Wisconsin and northern Illinois, a great option to reach the west coast," County Executive Chris Abele said. "We greatly appreciate the wonderful partnership between Southwest Airlines, Mitchell Airport and the community, and look forward to continued growth."

With the addition of San Diego, Southwest will fly to 23 destinations non-stop from Milwaukee. As with all Southwest flights, passengers will enjoy full-size 737 aircraft, no change fees, and free checked bags (up to two per passenger). Travelers are reminded that Southwest flights can only be found online at <u>www.Southwest.com</u>, and not at travel sites like Expedia or Orbitz.

Mitchell Airport offers nonstop flights to more than 35 destinations coast-to-coast, and 160 international destinations are available from Milwaukee with just one connection. MKE is also served by Alaska, Air Canada, American, Delta, Frontier, OneJet and United. The nonstop cities map can be found at <u>www.mitchellairport.com</u>.

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.