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## **Cheryl Dinolfo** *Monroe County Executive*

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## DINOLFO ANNOUNCES NEW ALLEGIANT AIR NON-STOP SERVICE TO SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

Punta Gorda (PGD) Serves Southwest Florida: Ft. Myers, Naples, Bradenton, Sarasota & Coastal Islands

Monroe County Executive **Cheryl Dinolfo** today announced that Allegiant Air will begin new, twice-weekly, non-stop service from ROC to Punta Gorda (PGD), Florida beginning November 17, 2017. This new, year-round route was announced today by Allegiant Air and will offer approximately 340 new, non-stop seats per week to the west coast of Florida.

"Monroe County is excited that Allegiant Air is investing in the local passenger demand to Southwest Florida," said **Dinolfo**. "The addition of this non-stop service means more seats at affordable prices to a popular travel destination for our community. Investing in our Airport's infrastructure and promoting use of our hometown airport is a strategic economic initiative for our community. We encourage our residents to use our local airport for their travel needs."

Focusing on low-cost leisure travel, Allegiant provides customers with low base fares nearly half of the cost of the average domestic round-trip fare. Their business model has allowed the company to grow from one aircraft and one route just over a decade ago, to providing convenient, affordable service in over 100 communities nationwide.

Allegiant started service at ROC in 2015 and also offers twice-weekly, non-stop service to Orlando Sanford International Airport (SFB).

Flight times and frequency may vary; ROC passengers looking to book air travel on Allegiant should visit <u>www.allegiant.com</u> for complete schedules.

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