

# Maggie Brooks

# Monroe County Executive

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## **BROOKS, AIRTRAN ANNOUNCE EXPANDED** LOCAL NON-STOP SERVICE TO FORT MYERS

Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks today announced that AirTran Airways is launching additional non-stop service from the Greater Rochester International Airport (GRIA) to Ft. Myers, Florida. In August, AirTran Airways announced it would offering non-stop service to Ft. Myers once a week, on Saturdays. Today's announcement expands that service to Ft. Myers, with flights to also be available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

"Monroe County is grateful that AirTran Airways is building upon its already strong commitment to providing affordable air travel for our community by launching expanded service between Rochester and Ft. Myers, Florida," said Brooks. "AirTran Airways has truly played an important role in our Airport's success in driving down the cost of air travel for local families in recent years. We look forward continuing our strong partnership with AirTran to expand upon those accomplishments moving forward."

"Ft. Myers is one of the most requested destinations in our route network," said **Kevin Healy**, Senior Vice-President of Marketing and Planning for AirTran Airways. "From the pristine beaches of Sanibel and Captiva Islands to the world-class golfing and fishing, not to mention baseball spring training, Southwest Florida is one of the most popular sun and fun destinations in America."

The following nonstop flights between Rochester and Ft. Myers will be available. Flights 1110 and 1112 (Saturday service) begins on November 20, 2010. Flights 1114 and 1115 (Monday, Wednesday and Friday service) begins on March 9, 2011:

#### Frequency <u>From</u> <u>To</u> <u>Flight</u> **Departs** <u>Arrives</u> Rochester Ft. Myers 1110 8:00 a.m. 11:09 a.m. Sat 1114 12:20 p.m. 3:30 p.m. M, W, F Rochester Ft. Myers Ft. Myers Rochester 1112 10:05 a.m. 1:05 p.m. Sat Ft. Myers 1115 8:45 a.m. 11:45 a.m. M. W. F

### Nonstop Service Between Rochester and Ft. Myers

Nearly 18 percent of all passengers who fly out of GRIA use AirTran Airways, making it the third most-traveled airline out of Rochester. AirTran Airways also offers daily nonstop flights between Rochester and Atlanta, Baltimore, and Orlando. To book a flight today, please visit airtran.com.

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