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**COUNTY EXECUTIVE BELLO ANNOUNCES NEW NONSTOP SERVICE
TO CHICAGO MIDWAY (MDW) ON SOUTHWEST AIRLINES**

New air service will bring greater access to ROC's 6th most popular destination

(Rochester, NY) – Monroe County Executive Adam Bello today announced that Southwest Airlines will add nonstop service from the Frederick Douglass – Greater Rochester International Airport (ROC) to Chicago Midway International Airport (MDW) starting June 5, 2022.

“Chicago is ROC’s 6th largest market and new nonstop service on Southwest to Chicago Midway (MDW) will bring an additional 40% seat capacity to the Chicago-Rochester market,” said Monroe County Executive Bello. “Connecting through MDW will also bring nearly 20 new one-stop destinations for ROC passengers to connect to and significantly more options for ROC travelers flying on the Southwest network.”

Nonstop service on Southwest Airlines from ROC to MDW will be offered twice daily, except for Saturdays. Passengers can begin booking tickets today online at www.southwest.com for the period of June 5, 2022 through September 5, 2022. Strong passenger support of these non-stop flights demonstrates that our community can support additional non-stop service in the future. Southwest schedules are subject to change based on demand and conditions due to COVID-19.

The Frederick Douglass – Greater Rochester International Airport continues to take extra precautions to promote health and safety at the airport with the #ReadySetROC initiative. We have introduced new procedures and preparations as air travel begins to slowly grow as we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic. Ongoing #ReadySetROC initiatives include enhanced cleaning, additional hand sanitizing stations, face covering policies, social distancing markers and reminders, plastic shields at all public counters and other educational materials.

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