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DINOLFO WELCOMES NEW ALLEGIANT NON-STOP SERVICE TO SOUTHWEST FLORIDA BEGINNING TODAY

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

Monroe County Executive **Cheryl Dinolfo**, joined by representatives of Allegiant, the airport and the Monroe County Airport Authority celebrated today's first Allegiant non-stop flight from the Greater Rochester International Airport (ROC) to Punta Gorda (PGD), Florida. The new, year round route was announced over the summer by Allegiant and will offer approximately 340 new, non-stop seats per week to the west coast of Florida.

*"Monroe County is thrilled that Allegiant is fully committed to ROC and expanding its non-stop service to Southwest Florida," said **Dinolfo**. "Punta Gorda is now the non-stop gateway from our community to popular destinations like Ft. Myers, Naples, Bradenton, Sarasota, the Coastal Islands and more. Our airport is a significant driver of economic activity in Monroe County, sustaining over 10,000 jobs, which is why we continue to recruit new flights while investing in our state-of-the-art ROC renovation project."*

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

*"We're sure Rochester-area travelers will enjoy having a friendly, low-cost, convenient option for travel to the beautiful beaches of southwest Florida," said **Lukas Johnson**, Allegiant senior vice president of commercial. "We've seen great success in Rochester and we know it will only grow with the addition of this new route."*

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 innovative 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.

ROC passengers looking to book air travel on Allegiant should visit www.allegiant.com .

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