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BROOKS ANNOUNCES GRIA RANKED AS ONE OF NATION'S MOST AFFORDABLE AIRPORTS

GRIA Recognized as 14th Most Affordable; Beats Out Buffalo, Syracuse, & Albany

Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks** today announced that the Greater Rochester International Airport (GRIA) has been nationally-recognized as the 14th most affordable airport in the United States. Boasting an average fare of \$368, GRIA cracked the top 15 on a list ranking 101 airports by affordability nationwide, well ahead of Syracuse Hancock International Airport, at #33 (average fare of \$426), and Buffalo Niagara International Airport, at #39 (average fare of \$437).

"Its ranking as one of the top 15 most affordable airports in the United States, only the latest in a string of nationally-recognized honors, truly speaks to the tremendous positive impact that the Greater Rochester International Airport has on our community," said **Brooks**. *"Monroe County and the Monroe County Airport Authority have been proud to work collaboratively with airlines to ensure local residents can enjoy travel at a reasonable price – a price that continues to fall to better meet the needs of travelers and their families."*

A list of the nation's top 101 most affordable airports was ranked and published by the travel website CheapFlights.com through research into a sampling of average fares for all airports across the nation. An online media company, CheapFlights does not sell tickets and does not take a commission or percentage of the fares sold by advertisers on its sites. As such, its recommendations and rankings can remain entirely independent and neutral.

"By working side by side with industry leaders to attract low-cost carriers to the Greater Rochester International Airport, Monroe County has managed to not only secure affordable fares for travelers, but achieve facility-wide savings as well," said Greater Rochester International Airport Director **David Damelio**. *"That has allowed GRIA to drive down overall operating costs and hold airport annual spending increases below the rate of inflation for each of the past four years."*

Contributing to GRIA's nationally-recognized affordability is increased competition from discount airlines, such as JetBlue and AirTran, which Monroe County has successfully attracted to the Rochester market in recent years.

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