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Southwest Airlines Adds Extra Flights for Presidential Inauguration

Airline offers more service into Baltimore/Washington and Washington Dulles

DALLAS, Nov. 21 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Following a record voter turnout, demand is high to attend the inaugural celebration! To meet the increased demand in key cities, Southwest Airlines is adding 26 total flights into and out of both Baltimore/Washington and Washington Dulles between Jan. 17, 2009, and Jan. 23, 2009.

"Flights are filling up and Southwest Airlines wants to offer our Customers more service into the DC area for the inauguration celebration," said Pete McGlade, Southwest Airlines Vice President of Schedule Planning. "We carefully combed through our flight schedule and were able to add these flights from key cities into both Baltimore/Washington and Washington Dulles during peak travel times."

The additional inauguration flights are listed below:

Jan. 17, 2009:

- One nonstop departure from Austin to Baltimore/Washington.
- One nonstop departure from Birmingham to Baltimore/Washington.
- One nonstop departure from Houston Hobby to Baltimore/Washington.
- One nonstop departure from Chicago Midway to Washington Dulles.
- One nonstop departure from St. Louis to Baltimore/Washington.

Jan. 18, 2009:

- One nonstop departure from Baltimore/Washington to Austin.
- One nonstop departure from Baltimore/Washington to Birmingham.
- One nonstop departure from Baltimore/Washington to Houston Hobby.
- One nonstop departure from Baltimore/Washington to St. Louis.
- One nonstop departure from St. Louis to Baltimore/Washington.
- One nonstop departure from Washington Dulles to Chicago Midway.
- One nonstop departure from Chicago Midway to Washington Dulles.

Jan. 19, 2009:

- One nonstop departure from Baltimore/Washington to St. Louis.
- One nonstop departure from Washington Dulles to Chicago Midway.
- One nonstop departure from Chicago Midway to Washington Dulles.

Jan. 20, 2009:

- One nonstop departure from Kansas City to Baltimore/Washington.
- One nonstop departure from Chicago Midway to Baltimore/Washington.
- One nonstop departure from Washington Dulles to Chicago Midway.
- One nonstop departure from Chicago Midway to Washington Dulles.

Jan. 21, 2009:

- One nonstop departure from Baltimore/Washington to Kansas City.
- One nonstop departure from Baltimore/Washington to Chicago Midway.
- One nonstop departure from Washington Dulles to Chicago Midway.
- One nonstop departure from Chicago Midway to Washington Dulles.
- One nonstop departure from San Diego to Baltimore/Washington.

Jan. 22, 2009:

- One nonstop departure from Washington Dulles to Chicago Midway.
- One nonstop departure from Baltimore/Washington to San Diego.

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