



MARYLAND DEPARTMENT of TRANSPORTATION

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SOUTHWEST AIRLINES, BWI AIRPORT UNVEIL MARYLAND ONE SPECIALTY AIRCRAFT

Governor Ehrlich, Airline Leadership Celebrate Flag Day



BWI AIRPORT, MD (June 14, 2005) - Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. and Southwest Airlines corporate officials celebrated Flag Day today at Baltimore / Washington International Airport (BWI) as they unveiled Maryland One, a new Southwest 737 "specialty aircraft" painted with colors and symbols representing the Maryland flag. Southwest Airlines is the largest carrier at BWI with 164 daily departures.

"Maryland One truly showcases the tremendous partnership that our State continues to have with the Southwest family," said Governor Ehrlich. "It is a testament to the quality service that Southwest Airlines has provided Maryland for the past 12 years."

Maryland One joins 10 other Southwest 737s that carry a unique paint scheme, including five other aircraft that recognize specific states. Last month, Governor Ehrlich officially dedicated the new Terminal A/B facility at BWI. This 510,000 square foot, 26-gate passenger terminal facility serves Southwest Airlines and their customers. This modern, bright facility is the major highlight of the improvement and expansion program at BWI.

"A large part of the success of BWI over the past 12 years is directly attributable to the tremendous accomplishments of Southwest Airlines," said Robert L. Flanagan, Maryland Secretary of Transportation. "The Airport and the State of Maryland have clearly benefited from this partnership."

Southwest Airlines began service at BWI in September 1993 with 8 daily flights to Cleveland and Chicago Midway. The airline now has over 2,500 employees in the region, including pilots, flight attendants, ramp workers, and customer service personnel.

"This day is a source of pride for all of us at BWI," said Paul J. Wiedefeld, Executive Director of the Maryland Aviation Administration. "We stand together with the employees of Southwest Airlines to celebrate our

continuing relationship and growth."

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