



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  
**February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

CONTACT:  
Natalie Peterson, Duluth Airport Authority, Director of Communications & Marketing  
218-625-7768

## **DULUTH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

### **Year-end passenger numbers prove 2018 was a fantastic year to fly DLH**

**Duluth, MN** — The Duluth International Airport is proud to announce that 280,865 passengers flew through their facility in 2018, marking a 13% increase over 2017.

Both United and Delta saw increases over 2017, with United's addition of the airbus flight in May leading to a nearly 30% increase year-over-year. And, with American Airlines set to begin direct service to Chicago on May 23rd, 2019, this year looks to be another banner year for the Duluth International Airport, as well as the region's residents who help it soar.

"We're so grateful for the support our passengers showed this past year," said Tom Werner, Executive Director for the Duluth International Airport. "Their decision to fly local has a major impact on attracting additional air service. Increased passenger demand helps us add carriers and routes that increases competition. All of which helps give our local economy a boost and lower fares for all travelers."

With the launch of their "Fly Local" campaign, as well as the recent addition of the new Club DLH Business Suite, the Duluth International Airport has even bigger plans for 2019. "We now have the three largest carriers in the country flying out of DLH," said Werner. "and we're hoping to use that momentum to add Denver to the growing list of places we fly and ways we connect our region to the world."

#### **About Duluth International Airport**

The new state-of-the-art passenger terminal at the Duluth International Airport opened for business on January 14, 2013. Currently, United Airlines offers three daily nonstop flights to Chicago and Delta offers five daily nonstop flights to Minneapolis/St. Paul. Starting May 23, 2019, American Airlines will begin two direct flights to Chicago. We are committed to providing our customers with superior services in a safe, secure and professional environment. Be sure to check out our newly launched Club DLH – Business Suite. Visit [duluthairport.com](http://duluthairport.com), like us at [facebook.com/duluthairport](https://www.facebook.com/duluthairport) or follow us on Twitter [@DuluthAirport](https://twitter.com/DuluthAirport).