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AirTran Airways returns service to the MS Gulf Coast

Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport (GPT) announced today that AirTran Airways will again operate non-stop service to Atlanta (ATL), GA and Tampa (TPA), FL, beginning January 8, 2010. Service will initially operate three days a week on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays using a 117 seat Boeing 717 aircraft. Flights are supported through a consolidated partnership agreement with Grand Casino Biloxi, IP Casino Resort, and Aviation Advantage Inc.

"We welcome AirTran Airways back to the MS Gulf Coast," said Richard Matheny, Chairman of Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport Authority. "The benefits to our region's tourism and business will be tremendous. We look forward to a prosperous partnership "

"Grand Biloxi Casino Hotel and Spa has again partnered with the IP Casino Resort and Spa to bring regularly scheduled air service to Biloxi from national markets. We will continue to partner with Harrison County Tourism, the Gulf Coast Business Council and the Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport to achieve our collective goal to one day become a Tier One Destination" said Steve Ditchkus, Vice President and General Manager of Grand Biloxi Casino Hotel & Spa.

"Thanks to the extraordinary effort and cooperation of the Airport Authority, Harrah's Grand Casino, Aviation Advantage and the IP Casino, Resort & Spa, we are excited to continue our strategic partnership to offer non-stop air service to and from Atlanta and Tampa," said Jon Lucas, President & General Manager of IP Casino Resort. "We look forward to working with the Grand to bring in additional visitors to further enhance our tourism initiatives."

AirTran Airways will operate Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday. Departure/Arrival times are as follows:

Flight	Origin	Destination	Depart	Arrive	Frequency
1590	ATL	GPT	1100 A	1127 A	3.5.7
1593	GPT	ATL	403 P	622 P	3.5.7
1592	TPA	GPT	300 P	333 P	3.5.7
1591	GPT	TPA	1200 P	225 P	3.5.7

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