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## Sun Country Airlines<sup>®</sup> to launch nonstop seasonal flights between Minneapolis/St. Paul and Sonoma County beginning August 24, 2017

# Flights to/from Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota expand STS services for business and leisure travelers August through December 2017

Santa Rosa, Calif. (March 14 2017) – <u>Charles M. Schulz – Sonoma County Airport</u> announces that <u>Sun Country Airlines</u> will now be offering seasonal, nonstop flights between Sonoma County (STS) and Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota (MSP) beginning August 24, 2017. The flights are being offered August 24, 2017 through December 3, 2017 on a seasonal basis.

The MSP-STS flights will be on Sun Country's 737-800 aircraft featuring a two-class configuration with 12 first class seats and 150 coach class seats, providing ample options for a variety of traveler needs.

Flights are scheduled to arrive at STS from MSP on Thursdays at 12:00 p.m., starting on August 24, 2017, an ideal day and time for leisure travelers to arrive for a Wine Country getaway. Flights to MSP from STS will depart Sundays at 9:55 a.m. starting August 27, 2017, for business or leisure travelers to head east. "We are very excited about the new partnership with Sun Country Airlines to provide this service to the Midwest, with easy connections to the east coast. This flight will give local travelers to the Minneapolis/St. Paul area an option to avoid the hassles of driving to other Bay area airports," said Chairwoman Shirlee Zane, Sonoma County Board of Supervisors. Flights and flight and hotel vacation packages are now available to book at <u>suncountry.com</u>.

Sun Country's MSP-STS route expands leisure travel to Northern California Wine Country from the Midwest. The route also expands business and leisure travel opportunities for North Bay residents needing convenient eastbound connections to Boston and New York (JFK).

"It is with great pleasure we announce our latest flight from the Midwest direct to the wonders of Wine Country, Redwoods and all Sonoma County has to offer," says Zarir Erani, Sun Country Airlines President and CEO. "We are excited to work with the Charles M. Schulz–Sonoma County Airport to bring a new avenue of adventure for our travelers."

"The sun shines even brighter on Sonoma County as Sun Country Airlines joins the growing number of airlines servicing Sonoma County with seasonal nonstop weekly service from Minneapolis to STS. We are excited to welcome this nonstop connection to the Midwest which lands in our top 20 out-of-state domestic visitor markets," said Kenneth J. Fischang, President and CEO, Sonoma County Tourism.

### **About Sun Country Airlines**

Sun Country Airlines (MN Airlines, LLC d.b.a. Sun Country Airlines) is based in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota. The award-winning airline, which flies to popular destinations across the U.S., Mexico, Costa Rica and the Caribbean, has earned a reputation for offering world-class service at an affordable price. The airline offers vacation packages through Sun Country Vacations<sup>®</sup>, a program that allows travelers to book airfare, hotel, rental cars, and more in a single, convenient transaction. Minnesota's Hometown Airline<sup>™</sup> also offers Sun Country Charters taking your private charter group virtually anywhere with a commitment to reliable and customized service. For more information, visit <u>suncountry.com</u>.

### About Charles M. Schulz – Sonoma County Airport (STS)

The Charles M. Schulz - Sonoma County Airport (STS) is located in the heart of Wine Country, 55 miles north of the Golden Gate.

Offering a hassle-free experience with shorter lines, the Charles M. Schulz - Sonoma County Airport also features convenient ground transportation, easy and affordable parking, the Alaska Airlines Wine Flies Free program and the on-site Sky Lounge Steakhouse & Sushi Bar.

For additional airport information, visit: sonomacountyairport.org. Follow Charles M. Schulz – Sonoma County Airport on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>.

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