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County Executive Neuhaus helps celebrate Norwegian Air's first transatlantic flights at Stewart International Airport in Newburgh

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Goshen, N.Y. – Orange County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus took part in a historical ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday night to celebrate Norwegian Air's first scheduled International service from Stewart International Airport in Newburgh.

Neuhaus was joined at the event by Stewart International Airport General Manager Ed Harrison, Thomas Ramdahl, Norwegian's Chief Commercial Officer, Huntley Lawrence, the Director of The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey's Aviation Department and Markly Wilson, Director of International Marketing for I Love NY.

“Stewart International Airport is now truly International and I'm proud to have played a role in bringing Norwegian Air to Stewart,” Neuhaus said. “Norwegian's arrival will benefit not only Orange County, but the entire region. This represents a new era of flights at competitive price points and it will establish Stewart Airport as a true International destination for travelers. I want to thank everyone who worked so hard on this truly historic event.”

Norwegian now offers transatlantic flights from Stewart Airport to Edinburgh, Scotland. This is the first of five routes the airline will be offering from Stewart, with service to Belfast, Northern Ireland; Dublin and Shannon in Ireland and Bergen, Norway scheduled to begin next month.

Norwegian's new service is expected to result in the creation of an estimated 230 jobs per year, \$13 million in total wages and \$36 million in overall economic activity.

“County Executive Neuhaus and the Orange County community, including Maureen Halahan and the Orange County Partnership, have been tireless and relentless advocates for Stewart International Airport,” said Pat Foye, Executive Director of The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. “When it comes to jobs, employment and economic development, we have had a great partnership to help grow Stewart Airport and grow the region. It doesn't get any better than that.”

Norwegian's new flights to Edinburgh will operate daily during the summer and three times per week (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays) during the winter with flights available at Norwegian.com/us for as low as \$99 one-way, including taxes. The lowest fares to Scotland and all of Norwegian's destinations can be found by using the airline's low fare calendar. Passengers on all of Norwegian's routes are eligible to join Norwegian Reward, the airline's frequent flyer program.

Stewart Airport will also be home to Norwegian's newest crew base, its third in the U.S. The airline will station two Boeing 737 MAX aircraft and 30 pilots and flight attendants at Stewart Airport to accommodate the new service being offered, with plans to hire additional crew later this year. As the second-largest employer in the Hudson Valley region, Stewart International Airport employs approximately 2,700 people and generates \$450 million in annual economic activity.

“County Executive Neuhaus was extremely helpful in bringing Norwegian Airlines to Stewart Airport,” Harrison said. “He essentially closed the deal for us by convincing Norwegian that this is the place they and their customers want to be. The County Executive has been a true champion of our airport and the community.”

Norwegian is the world's sixth largest low-cost airline and carried 30 million passengers in 2016. The airline operates more than 500 routes to 150 destinations in Europe, North Africa, the Middle East, Thailand, the Caribbean and the U.S. Norwegian has a fleet of 130 aircraft, with an average age of 3.6 years, making it one of the world's youngest fleets.

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(From left to right): Markly Wilson, Director of International Marketing for I Love NY, Huntley Lawrence, the Director of The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey's Aviation Department, Norwegian Chief Commercial Officer Thomas Ramdahl, Stewart International Airport General Manager Ed Harrison and Orange County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus at a ribbon cutting on Thursday, June 15th to celebrate Norwegian Air's first scheduled International service from Stewart Airport.