



## **STATEMENT BY AIRPORT MANAGER ROLAND 'BUD' BREault**

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As the seasonal JetBlue air service between Barnstable Airport and New York-JFK comes to a temporary close today, it's time to applaud its extraordinary success. In eleven weeks, between June 26 and September 7, more than 12,000 passengers used the once-a-day service – in both directions. On average, flights on the airline's 100-seat Embraer twin-engine jets were 85 percent full.

The results confirm our belief that there is great potential for expanded air service from Hyannis to points beyond Boston and the nearby islands. JetBlue recognized that promise and responded with superb service that drew customers in numbers beyond our original expectations. It was all about convenience, speed and quality.

There's no doubt that JetBlue's New York service enhanced a successful summer season on Cape Cod and helped lift the overall economy here.

Looking ahead, we have invited JetBlue to return in 2015 with service that begins earlier in the calendar and extends into the fall. And we are reaching out to other regional air carriers, urging them to learn from JetBlue's success and establish new air service between Cape Cod and more distant destinations.

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