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**Walker Announces a Record September for General Mitchell International Airport  
*Mitchell's Average Airfare Lower than 75 Other Airports in the U.S.***

(MILWAUKEE) – Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker announced today that September 2009 was the busiest on record for that month at General Mitchell International Airport. The September total of 648,779 passengers was an increase of 16.85 percent over last September's 555,234 passengers, and ahead of the previous record September, in 2007, at 597,102 passengers.

Walker noted that there were 19 percent more airline seats into and out of Milwaukee this September compared to last. "The number of flights is increasing and airfares out of Mitchell are getting even more competitive. Passengers throughout Wisconsin and the northern Chicago suburbs are comparing airfares and finding they can save a lot of money flying out of the Milwaukee airport," Walker said.

Airport Director Barry Bateman said, "The average airfare out of Milwaukee was lower than 75 other U.S. airports, according to recently released U.S. Department of Transportation statistics for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2009. Mitchell's average fare was about \$44 less than O'Hare's and \$28 less than the nation's average fare."

Walker says competition will continue to heat up with the launch this weekend of Southwest Airlines service to the Milwaukee airport.

*General Mitchell International Airport is owned by Milwaukee County and operated by the Department of Transportation & Public Works, Airport Division, under the policy direction of the Milwaukee County Executive and the County Board of Supervisors. The airport is entirely funded by user fees; no property tax dollars are used for the airport's capital improvements or for its day-to-day operation. For more information on Mitchell International, visit [www.mitchellairport.com](http://www.mitchellairport.com).*

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