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BROOKS ANNOUNCES GRIA RANKED AS ONE OF NATION'S MOST AFFORDABLE AIRPORTS

*GRIA Recognized as the 12th Most Affordable;
Beats Out Buffalo, Syracuse & Albany for the Second Consecutive Year*

Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks** today announced that the Greater Rochester International Airport (GRIA) has been nationally-recognized by CheapFlights.com as the 12th most affordable airport in the United States, with an average fare of \$318. GRIA advanced to 12th position from last year's 14th place ranking, on a list ranking 101 airports by affordability nation-wide, well ahead of Buffalo Niagara International Airport, at #32 (average fare of \$366), Syracuse Hancock International Airport, at #44 (average fare of \$384,) and Albany International #82 (average fare of \$458).

*"The recent Cheap Flights report ranking the Greater Rochester International Airport as one of the top 12 most affordable airports in the United States speaks to the tremendous positive impact that it has on our community at no cost to local property taxpayers," said **Brooks**. "Monroe County has been proud to work collaboratively with airlines to ensure local residents can enjoy travel at a reasonable price – a price that continues to fall to better meet the needs of travelers and their families."*

A list of the nation's top 101 most affordable airports was ranked and published by the travel website CheapFlights.com. The rankings are based on a sampling of the average fares for all airports across the nation. An online media company, CheapFlights compiled the 101 most searched airports and averaged the prices website users found on flights to the most popular destinations.

"By working closely with airline industry leaders, Monroe County and the Monroe County Airport Authority have been successful in attracting and retaining vital low cost carriers, making ours one of the most affordable airports in the nation," said Greater Rochester International Airport Director **Susan L. Walsh**, Esq. *"We are proud that this will ensure the Greater Rochester International Airport remains a 'Gateway to the World' for local travelers and their families in the days to come."*

Contributing to GRIA's nationally-recognized affordability is increased competition from discount airlines, such as JetBlue and AirTran, which Monroe County worked diligently to attract and retain service for the Rochester market.

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