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Hartsfield-Jackson Calls Attention to Human Trafficking Awareness Month
Month-long series of events designed to inform and educate ATL stakeholders about human trafficking; ATL first airport in the world to sign pledge to fight human trafficking

ATLANTA – Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) officials will mark Human Trafficking Awareness Month with a series of events designed to inform the public about the dangers of — and toll from — human trafficking. From a press conference involving federal, state and local law enforcement officials discussing their efforts at combating human trafficking to a high school community outreach forum, ATL leaders intend to educate the public about sexual exploitation and forced labor, and inform Airport stakeholders and the region at large about efforts to combat trafficking.

The first event, a press conference featuring law enforcement leaders, will take place Jan. 10, the day before National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. At the press conference, ATL will also become the first airport in the world to sign the Tourism Child-Protection Code of Conduct, a document outlining ATL’s efforts to combat the sexual exploitation of children.

National Human Trafficking Awareness Month was established by presidential decree in 2010 and has contributed to the fight against human trafficking in the United States.

Additional information on the various efforts at ATL will be provided at Tuesday’s press conference.

WHO: Roosevelt Council, Jr., General Manager, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport
John Horn, United States Attorney, Northern District of Georgia
Chris Carr, Attorney General, State of Georgia
Tracy Lawson, Clayton County District Attorney
Major Lane Hagin, Atlanta Police Department
Alex Trouteaud, Executive Director, youthSpark
Carol Smolenski, Executive Director, ECPAT-USA (a nonprofit focused on stopping the exploitation of children)

WHAT: Press conference announcing efforts to combat human trafficking

WHEN: Tuesday, Jan. 10
1:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.

WHERE: Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport
Domestic Terminal Atrium
6000 North Terminal Parkway
Atlanta, GA 30320

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Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

Hartsfield-Jackson (ATL) is the world's busiest and most efficient airport, serving more than 101 million passengers annually with nonstop service to more than 150 U.S. destinations and 70 international destinations in more than 50 countries. ATL boasts a direct economic impact of \$34.8 billion in metro Atlanta and a total direct economic impact of \$70.9 billion in Georgia. The Airport is the largest employer in Georgia, with more than 63,000 employees. The Airport is a frequent recipient of awards of excellence for concessions, operations, sustainability, architectural engineering, and construction. ATL is now in the midst of a \$6 billion capital improvement plan, ATLNext, that will modernize the domestic terminal and concourses, create new parking decks, construct a 440-room hotel, Class A commercial office space, add a new runway, new concourse and expand cargo facilities. For more information, visit www.atl.com.

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