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Piedmont Airlines Increases NGPA Sponsorship to Diamond Elite Level

St. Louis Park, MN, January 29, 2020 – The National Gay Pilots Association (NGPA) is pleased to recognize the increased level of support from Piedmont Airlines. Piedmont Airlines joined NGPA’s Diamond Elite sponsorship level on January 1, 2020. Piedmont Airlines joins three other Diamond Elite supporters of NGPA’s mission.

“Piedmont’s priority has always been safety, and that goes beyond the safety of our aircraft and passengers. “We believe our team members must feel safe enough to express who they are and what they believe in,” said Piedmont’s Director of Recruitment Tyler Tenbrink. Piedmont is proud to sponsor an organization that recognizes strength in the foundation of diversity and the value of including all voices.”

“Our regional carriers continue to be an important component of NGPA’s corporate sponsor network,” said NGPA President David Pettet. “We’re thrilled that Piedmont Airlines has seen the value of NGPA’s efforts and recognized our progress with this increased level of support,” Pettet concluded.

Piedmont Airlines will be an exhibitor and sponsor at NGPA’s flagship event next week from February 6-9 in Palm Springs, CA.

Diamond Elite sponsors contribute at least \$40,000 per year to NGPA’s events and programs.

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Piedmont Airlines, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of the American Airlines Group. Piedmont traces its roots to 1931 and a small company called Henson Flying Service, a fixed-base operator based in Hagerstown, Maryland. Today, Piedmont operates nearly 400 daily departures to 55+ cities throughout the eastern United States with a fleet of Embraer 145 regional jets. Piedmont's award-winning ground handling team works in nearly 80 airport locations from coast to coast.

Founded in 1990, NGPA is an international organization of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) aviation enthusiasts and professionals from around the world. Through education, outreach programs, and events the organization encourages members of the LGBTQ community to begin aviation careers, fosters equal treatment of LGBTQ aviators through advocacy and outreach, promotes aviation safety, and provides an affirming social and professional network for LGBTQ aviators. Learn more by visiting us at www.ngpa.org.

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