## Silver Airways Begins Flying its New ATR 42-600 Aircraft at HSV

Huntsville, AL (May 21, 2019) – Silver Airways departed today from Huntsville International Airport (HSV) to Orlando International Airport (MCO) flying the new ATR 42-600. These new aircraft replace Silver's fleet of Saab 340Bs which were serving the market before last night's first arrival and today's first departure. The ATR 42 has 46 seats which is 12 more than on its Saab aircraft.

"The new ATR 600 series aircraft are transformational for Silver Airways and are ideal for our short-haul domestic and nearby international operations," said Silver Airways CEO Steve Rossum. "The state-of-the art aircraft allows for a safe, highly reliable and efficient fleet operation and a superior overall experience for our guests."

"Huntsville International Airport is pleased to be one of the first locations that Silver has chosen to fly the new ATR 42-600 aircraft and shares Silver's excitement to be the North American launch customer for the all new, state-of-the-art ATR-600," said Rick Tucker, Executive Director for Huntsville International Airport. "Customer Service is a priority for HSV and the new ATR-600 provides a refined guest experience with rich leather seating, more leg room, and spacious overhead bins that accommodate full-size, carry-on roller bags. Today's ATRs embody the most advanced aircraft technology available with the latest avionics and all-glass cockpit that ensures safe, reliable flights that are quieter and more comfortable for passengers, aligning well with our customer experience goals."

Silver Airways, America's leading independent regional airline, has undergone a complete operational and customer service transformation and in doing so is reinventing the regional flying sector by being the first U.S. carrier to operate the newly redesigned and technologically advanced, customer friendly ATR-600 series aircraft. The aircraft is specifically designed for short-haul markets, but with the same look, feel and customer amenities of larger jetliners. It has been nearly 25 years since a new ATR has flown in the U.S. The introduction marks the first time revenue passengers have flown an ATR-600 operated by a U.S. carrier and the first time a fully independent U.S. regional airline has taken delivery of a new aircraft in many decades.

The new ATR-600 series features the widest cabin in the regional aircraft market with a new ergonomic design and lightweight slim seats offering passengers maximum comfort. Silver's ATR fleet will be configured with 46 seats in a 2-2 seating configuration with up to a 32-inch pitch offering more legroom than many mainline aircraft. In addition, Silver's ATR fleet will have spacious full-size overhead bins for carry-on bags along with full-size lavatories, bright LED lite cabins and is quieter than regional jets. The new ATR-600 series also features the latest innovations in cockpit technology with simplified, integrated LCD advanced functions, enhancing safety and improved handling for pilots, as well as the latest in avionics technology. The state-of-the-art, all-glass cockpit further reduces flight crew workload and enhances situational awareness while providing better reliability, maintenance cost savings and weight reduction.

Silver Airways' Huntsville (HSV) – Orlando (MCO) service began in September 2018.

For complete details, reservations and to receive email updates on Silver's special offers, visit silverairways.com. Full Service schedule is available here: FlyHuntsville.com.

Silver Airways offers guests the ease and convenience of seamless booking, ticketing, and baggage handling with connections to dozens of destinations that are available via the airline's codeshare partnerships with United, JetBlue, and Avianca, as well as interline ticketing partnerships with American, Delta, Air Canada, Alaska, ANA, Bahamasair, Hahn Air, and Azul.

## **About Silver Airways**

Silver Airways operates the most routes within Florida and between Florida and the Bahamas from its hubs in Fort Lauderdale, Orlando and Tampa, and also flies between Boston and Bar Harbor, Maine. Silver is the official airline of the Minor League Baseball team Daytona Tortugas and the Pensacola Blue Wahoos. In addition, Silver owns and cooperatively operates Seaborne Airlines with flights in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and the Caribbean. Silver is a codeshare partner with United, JetBlue and Avianca, and has interline agreements with American, Delta, Air Canada, Alaska Airlines, All Nippon Airways, Bahamasair, Hahn Air, Azul and Emirates. Members of United's MileagePlus® and JetBlue's TrueBlue loyalty programs can also earn frequent flyer awards for travel throughout Silver's network. Silver operates a fleet of highly-reliable Saab 340 aircraft and is also currently renewing and expanding its fleet with up to 50 new eco-friendly ATR-600s. Silver is honored to be the North American launch customer for the all new, redesigned ATR-600 offering best-in-class quiet cabins, premium leather seats with more legroom, and spacious overhead bins that accommodate full-size, carry-on roller bags. Silver is owned by affiliates of Philadelphia-based investment firm Versa Capital Management, LLC. To learn more about Silver's refined passenger experience, visit www.silverairways.com/destinations/atr42.

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