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NEW YORK, Sept. 16, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- JetBlue Airways (Nasdaq: JBLU) today announces the appointment of John Allen to the position of Vice President, Chief Safety Officer, effective immediately. Mr. Allen is responsible for maintaining JetBlue's focus and practice of safe operations both in the air and on the ground. Mr. Allen will report to James Hnat, JetBlue's Executive Vice President of Corporate Affairs.

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"John brings a wealth of industry experience to JetBlue, and his perspective as the former Director of Flight Standards Service for the Federal Aviation Administration will greatly serve JetBlue, our crewmembers and our customers going forward," Mr. Hnat said. "I expect John will contribute greatly to JetBlue's culture and on behalf of the company's 15,000 safety-focused crewmembers, we're excited to have him join the team."

Mr. Allen retired from the FAA on August 31, 2013 after 22 years with the agency in a variety of roles of increasing responsibility, culminating as Director of Flight Safety Standards. In this role, Mr. Allen was responsible for promoting the safety of flight for civil aircraft by setting regulations and standards for air carriers, air agencies, general aviation, airmen, and designees. Mr. Allen retired from the Air Force Reserves in 2009 as a Brigadier General after 31 years of active-duty and reserve service.

"It is an honor to join the JetBlue team," Mr. Allen said. "JetBlue's culture is founded on its core values with Safety being first. I look forward to joining a great team and continuing the tradition of serving JetBlue crewmembers with programs and guidance to ensure we keep learning from each other and our industry peers."

**About JetBlue Airways**

As New York's Hometown Airline™ and a leading carrier in Boston, Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood, Los Angeles (Long Beach), Orlando and San Juan, JetBlue carries 29 million customers a year to 79 cities in the US, Caribbean and Latin America with more than 700 daily flights. With JetBlue, all seats are assigned, all fares are one-way, and an overnight stay is never required. JetBlue's fleet totals 188 aircraft, comprising 129 Airbus A320s and 59 EMBRAER E190s. Upcoming destinations include Savannah, Ga.; Worcester, Mass.; Port-au-Prince, Haiti; Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago; and Lima, Peru, subject to receipt of government approval. For more information please visit www.jetblue.com.

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