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## PHL Airport Executive Appointed to Historic Preservation Board

**PHILADELPHIA** – Diego Rincón, Deputy Director of Aviation, Capital Development, at Philadelphia International Airport (PHL), has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Fort Mifflin on the Delaware, a non-profit organization that protects and preserves the historic site that is adjacent to the Airport.

Fort Mifflin, located at Fort Mifflin and Hog Island roads, less than a mile from the Airport, is one of the only remaining American Revolutionary War battlefields still intact and remains Philadelphia's only fort. Today a National Historic Landmark, Fort Mifflin was built in 1771 by the British. In 1775 at the start of the Revolutionary War, the fort was secured by American troops and guarded by the Pennsylvania Navy. The fort is named after Thomas Mifflin (1744-1800), a major general in the Continental Army and later governor of Pennsylvania.

Rincón, who is responsible for capital improvement projects at the Airport, was appointed to the Fort Mifflin board in December. His two-year term expires in 2018.

"I am very proud and excited to join the Fort Mifflin board," he said. "It is an honor to be given the responsibility of preserving a very important piece of our country's history and educating our young people about its role in each of America's major wars from the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and the Civil War to World War I and World War II."

During the spring of 2015, Philadelphia International Airport showcased a special exhibit of historic items from Fort Mifflin.

The exhibit, *A Heroic Battle: Fort Mifflin, 1777 -- Defending America's Independence*, featured remnants of the battle that escalated into the greatest bombardment of the American Revolution and one that many say changed the course of American history.

Airport CEO Chellie Cameron said Rincón's board appointment also demonstrates the Airport's commitment to environmental protection and the preservation of our region's rich history.

"Diego's appointment will enable the Airport to quickly identify and address any environmental concerns," she said. "We are very proud of our efforts to preserve the wetland habitat and wooded areas that surround the Airport and Fort Mifflin. It is important for PHL to protect our history and our environment while we grow to provide the services that our customers and airlines expect."

Philadelphia International Airport is owned and operated by the City of Philadelphia. The Airport is a self-sustaining entity that operates without the use of local tax dollars. It is one of the largest economic engines in Pennsylvania, generating an estimated \$14.4 billion in spending to the regional economy and accounting for more than 141,000 jobs.