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### SC Ports Achieves Record Container Volume in March

**CHARLESTON, SC - April 10, 2017** - Today South Carolina Ports Authority announced the strongest monthly container volume in its history, with 192,411 twenty foot-equivalent units (TEUs) handled in March.

The month was nearly 13 percent higher than March 2016 and surpassed SCPA's previous record, set in January 2017, by more than 7,000 TEUs. Fiscal year to date, the Port has handled 1.58 million TEUs.

"The record volumes achieved by SCPA in March result from our broad-based efforts to increase our cargo base by providing good service to clients and enhancing our service offering," said Jim Newsome, SCPA president and CEO. "We are excited about the further deployment of large container ships, including the first 13,000 TEU container ship in May."

As measured in pier containers, or boxes handled, SCPA moved a record 108,961 containers across the docks of its two container terminals in March. The Port has handled 892,892 pier containers since July, a growth of 9 percent over the same fiscal period last year.

#### ***About South Carolina Ports Authority***

South Carolina Ports Authority (SCPA), established by the state's General Assembly in 1942, owns and operates public seaport facilities in Charleston, Georgetown and Greer. In 2015 SCPA handled international commerce valued at more than \$74 billion while receiving no direct taxpayer subsidy. An economic development engine for the state, Port operations facilitate 187,200 statewide jobs and generate nearly \$53 billion annual economic activity. Home to the Southeast's deepest port, SCPA is the industry leader in delivering speed-to-market, seamless processes and flexibility to ensure reliable operations, big

ship handling, efficient market reach and environmental responsibility. For more information on SCPA, including career opportunities at all SCPA facilities, please visit [www.scspa.com](http://www.scspa.com).

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