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AAPA Announces 3rd Annual Ports Day

Recognizing port contributions to jobs and the economy

AAPA Headquarters (March 19, 2018) – Today, the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) announced that its entire membership will celebrate Western Hemisphere Ports Day on April 5. On this annual celebration, the association will recognize the industry's role in creating jobs and propelling the economy in nations they serve across the Americas.

"As the unified and recognized voice of the port industry, AAPA is excited to continue to share our story around the globe," said Kurt Nagle, AAPA's president and CEO. "Ports Day is part of an ongoing commitment to remind our policymakers and the public about the important role ports play in facilitating the movement of trade and linking us to the global economy."

According to IHS Markit's World Trade Service, combined international sea trade moving through Western Hemisphere ports in 2016 totaled 3.49 billion metric tons in volume and US\$3.01 trillion in value. Of that total, ports in Central and South America handled 1.71 billion metric tons of cargo valued at US\$941 billion, while North American ports handled 1.79 billion metric tons of goods, valued at US\$2.07 trillion.

"Seaports of the Western Hemisphere are job creators that deliver prosperity around the globe," said Mr. Nagle. "However, we must take a moment to reflect on the needs of our industry and make plans today to address the infrastructure needs that make goods movement possible for tomorrow. It is critical that wise investments are made to our transportation infrastructure to ensure that our industry can continue to make a valuable contribution to the economy."

"We're proud to recognize the contributions of our member ports as we celebrate Western Hemisphere Ports Day," he added. "In support of workers, farmers, employers, manufacturers and consumers everywhere, our ports are united in planning for the future, creating jobs and propelling the economy."

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For more information about Western Hemisphere Ports Day, visit www.aapa-ports.org.