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September is National Passport Awareness Month *County Clerk announces free passport photos on Wednesdays*

FREEHOLD, NJ – September is National Passport Awareness Month and County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon announced that her office will celebrate it by offering free passport photos every Wednesday in September to passport applicants who apply at the Monmouth County Clerk's Passport Offices in Freehold and Neptune the same day.

“You never know when you may have to travel on short notice, so it's important to be ready and apply for a passport if you do not have one,” said Hanlon.

“Residents who already have U.S. passports should check the expiration date and start the renewal process about two months ahead of time,” said Hanlon. “It is also important to check the passport's expiration date because many countries require six months validity on a U.S. passport.”

To obtain a passport, it is necessary to have proof of American citizenship, your social security number, a passport photo 2x2 inches in size, and current identification, such as a driver's license or government identification. Passport photos are available for a fee of \$10 at both locations; the photo fee is waived on Wednesdays in September.

Parents who are making a passport application for a child under the age of 16 are required to appear together or submit additional documentation.

Passport applications are accepted at two Monmouth County Clerk's Passport Offices:

- Freehold - Monmouth County Clerk's Office located in the Market Yard (south of Main Street). The hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Neptune - Monmouth County Connection at 3544 Route 66 (near Home Depot) The hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Information about the specific documentation can be found on the County Clerk website or by calling the Freehold Passport Office at 732-431-7324 or the Neptune County Connection Passport Office at 732-303-2828.

Hanlon recommends that residents contact the Passport Office prior to appearing at the office to be sure of the proper documentation and payments.

For more information, call the Monmouth County Clerk's office at 732-431-7324 or visit the County Clerk website at www.VisitMonmouth.com/CountyClerk.

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