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### **County Clerk's Passport Offices Receive National Recognition for Passport Services**

FREEHOLD, NJ – Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon is proud to announce that the Monmouth County Clerk's Passport Offices have been recognized by the U.S. Department of State for their excellent passport services. Both the Freehold Office and County Connection received this recognition.

An Acceptance Facility Oversight Program compliance visit was recently conducted and both offices earned a perfect score. The County Clerk's Freehold Passport Office and Monmouth County Connection received a Certificate of Achievement which honors exemplary service to the community and the U.S. Department of State through the conscientious execution of passport applications, excellence in customer service and commitment to measures that ensure the integrity of the U.S. passport. The federal auditor reviewed the Freehold and Neptune Offices and "was very impressed" with the facilities and found everything to be in compliance with federal standards.



*County Clerk Hanlon holds the U.S. Department of State Certificate of Achievement awarded to the Freehold Passport Office*

"This recognition is well deserved by our staff members who work diligently to provide Monmouth County residents with efficient and courteous passport application

acceptance services,” said County Clerk Hanlon. “I am proud of the dedication and professionalism of these employees.”

The Monmouth County Clerk’s Passport Offices processed 14,695 passport applications in 2016 and 15,803 in 2017.

Residents are encouraged to visit one of our offices if they are in need of passport services. The Freehold Passport Office at the Monmouth County Clerk’s Office is located in the Market Yard Parking Lot (south of Main Street) at 33 Mechanic Street in Freehold Borough. The hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Monmouth County Connection is located at 3544 Route 66 (near Home Depot) in Neptune. 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.

For more information, please call the Freehold Passport Office at 732-431-7324 or Monmouth County Connection at 732-303-2828, or visit [www.MonmouthCountyClerk.com](http://www.MonmouthCountyClerk.com).

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