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## County Clerk Jamie Romeo: REAL ID Deadline Coming, One Year From Today

(Rochester NY) – The Federal Government's REAL ID deadline remains May 7, 2025, after which Monroe County residents will not be able to board a domestic flight with their standard driver's license. While the date was pushed back numerous times, County Clerk Jamie Romeo is reminding Monroe County residents to upgrade now.

County Clerk Jamie Romeo is reminding residents that "The REAL ID deadline is one year from today, and while it has been delayed before I am reminding Monroe County residents that it will not be delayed forever. One year from today, May 7<sup>th</sup> 2025, you will need a REAL ID, an Enhanced Driver's License, or US Passport to board any domestic flight in the USA, including here at the Frederick Douglass Greater Rochester International Airport."

County Clerk Romeo reminds residents that upgrading to a REAL ID at the DMV does require an appointment. "Visit monroecounty.gov/dmv to check out the REAL ID document guide and schedule an appointment at any local DMV branch to upgrade now and give yourself the peace of mind."

The REAL ID Act was passed by Congress in 2005 in the wake of the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks and mandates minimum security standards for state-issued licenses and ID documents.

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