

## **PASSPORTS REQUIRED TO BOARD COMMERCIAL DOMESTIC FLIGHTS**

Morris County Clerk Ann Grossi is alerting residents that a release issued by Homeland Security Secretary Jeh C. Johnson states that “Effective January 22, 2018, air travelers with a driver’s license issued by a state that is non-compliant with the REAL ID ACT (“ACT”) must present alternate forms of identification in order to board a commercial domestic flight.”

New Jersey Driver’s Licenses (“NJ Licenses”) do not meet the requirements of the ACT. Clerk Grossi stated that “Over the next two years, New Jersey may become compliant; however, currently, they are not, and there are no known plans to upgrade NJ Licenses to meet those standards.” She further stated, “I feel that the public needs to be warned about this change to avoid negatively impacting their future travel plans. I cannot imagine planning a business or pleasure trip only to be turned away at the airport because of insufficient identification.”

Should the edict from Homeland Security remain in place and no extension provided, residents will need to apply for a U.S. Passport.

The Morris County Clerk’s Office is a certified Passport Acceptance Facility who, after a stringent federal audit, received the prestigious Certificate of Excellence Award in 2016 from the U.S. Department of State’s National Passport Center. Our residents should feel confident in receiving a high level of service as reflected by the Award.



The Passport Office operates Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Tuesday until 8 p.m. Passport photos are taken on-site. The office is located on the first floor of the Morris County Administration and Records Building, 10 Court St., Morristown, N.J. 07960.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.morriscountyclerk.org/index.php/passports/>