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Broome County Clerk Joseph Mihalko Addresses Coronavirus Impact On Clerk and DMV Offices

Broome County Clerk Joseph Mihalko is updating information concerning the Broome County Clerk's Office, and the various DMV offices around the County.

First, the Clerk's Office remains open. However, in cooperation with recommended social distancing guidelines, we are strongly discouraging foot traffic into the County Clerk's Office, both by our institutional stakeholders and the general public. Users are strongly recommended to use the e-filing, e-recording and online search capabilities that our office has. For filings and searches that are not time sensitive, please wait until the *State of Emergency* has been lifted in Broome County.

<u>www.gobcclerk.com</u> will remain available for searching and purchasing documents. E-filings of civil actions can be done through the NYSCEF e-filing system. Land documents and other recordings can be submitted through one of 4 platforms: Simplifile, CSC, ePartners Network and Indecomm.

Second, the Binghamton and Endicott DMV offices remain open. The mobile DMV unit will be closed until the *State of Emergency* has been lifted in Broome County. It will not be deployed to Conklin, Harpursville, Whitney Point or Windsor. We strongly encourage people to limit transactions to only the most necessary and timely. If your renewal isn't up for another month, please wait until the *State of Emergency* has been lifted in Broome County.

Third, like the rest of County government, we will be working towards the state directive to be at half staff as soon as practical. We are asking for patience and understanding as we work within these staffing limitations.

Fourth, County Executive Jason Garnar has announced that effective Wednesday, 3/18/20, "summer hours" are in effect. That means the County Clerk's Office will only be open until 4:30 PM.

Social distancing is vitally important at this time and we are respectfully asking the public to work with us to prevent the spread of COVID-19. If you do not need to come to the Clerk's Office or DMV until after the health crisis has passed, please don't. We value the health and safety of our staff and everyone in the general public. #FlattenTheCurve

The Broome County Clerk's Office will continue to keep its stakeholders and the general public informed through its website at http://www.gobroomecounty.com/clerk and its Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/BroomeCountyClerk.