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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Broome County Clerk Joseph Mihalko and Vestal Central School District Announce a Passport Fair for December 12, 2019 at Vestal Central High School

Broome County Clerk Joseph Mihalko and Vestal Central High School Principal Dawn Young are announcing that the Broome County Clerk's Office will be hosting a passport fair at the Vestal Central High School campus on Thursday, December 12, 2019. The passport fair will be open to the general public from 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm.

"Our office is holding this event as a convenience to our friends and neighbors in Vestal who need to obtain a passport but may not be able to come into our downtown Binghamton office during traditional business hours," said Broome County Clerk Joe Mihalko.

The passport fair will be held at Vestal Central High School at 205 Woodlawn Drive, Vestal, NY 13850. Application forms will be available, and photos can be taken on site. You can also download a copy of the passport application in advance at <u>www.travel.state.gov</u>.

Applicants should bring 1) an original or a certified copy of their birth certificate with a raised seal and a photocopy (front and back); 2) their photo ID and a photocopy (front and back); and 3) two (2) checks to cover the fees. Cash and credit cards <u>will not</u> be taken at the passport fair. Applicants should also have the places and dates of birth of their parents to correctly fill out the passport application. Children under 18 need to have their parents present for a passport application. Expedited applications <u>cannot</u> be processed at this passport fair.

The fees for passports are \$110 for adult applications and \$80 for children under the age of 16. Passport cards are also available, although they are only good for land and cruise ship travel. It is \$30 for adult passport cards and \$15 for children under the age of 16. There is a \$35 processing fee for each application, and there is a \$10 fee for passport photos.

E-Z Pass tags will also be available for purchase through the E-Z Pass On-the-Go Program. E-Z Pass tags cost of \$25 per tag. That \$25 is then credited to the customer's account. These E-Z Pass tags are <u>only for private, passenger vehicles</u>. The Clerk's Office can only accept checks for E-Z Pass tags at this event.

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