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Summit County Clerk of Courts Daniel M. Horrigan Alerts Citizens of
Federal Government End to Flexible Accommodation Passport Program

On Monday, September 24, 2007, Summit County Clerk of Courts Daniel M. Horrigan announced that the U.S. Department of State set September 30, 2007, as the expiration date for the flexible accommodation passport program.

“We have been informed by the U.S. Department of State that passport applications are again being expedited to citizens in a timely manner,” said Summit County Clerk of Courts Daniel M. Horrigan. “Given that passports will now be received in 6 to 8 weeks for routine applications and approximately three weeks for expedited service, there is no longer a need to continue the flexible accommodation passport program.”

The change affects U.S. Citizens that travel by air to Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and countries in the Caribbean with an “Official Proof of Passport Application” and government issued identification. The program will expire on September 30, 2007, and the passport requirement will be effective on October 1, 2007. Citizens must present actual passports to enter or depart the United States. Travelers who departed the country under this travel accommodation prior to October 1, 2007 will be readmitted with the previously required documents if returning to the United States after September 30, 2007.

For more information about the passport application process, please contact Annette Baker, chief deputy of the Summit County Clerk of Courts Auto Title Division, at 330-630-7200, or click on <http://travel.state.gov>.

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