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*** Media Release *** County Clerk Romeo Promotes STOP-DWI

(7/28/2022, Rochester NY) – Monroe County is currently in the middle of the "100 Deadliest Days of Summer," the time between Memorial Day and Labor Day when the likelihood of fatal car crashes is highest, especially for young drivers. Sadly this trend is only getting worse, with traffic fatalities reaching a 16-year high in the US in 2021.

"The Athletes Exhibit sponsored by STOP-DWI Monroe County are a visceral and vivid reminder of the threats young drivers face on the road from those who dangerously choose to drink and drive. I encourage all Monroe County residents to view this exhibit and re-commit to serving as vocal advocates for safer streets here in our community. There is never a reason to drink and drive, and we all have a part to play every day keeping unsafe drivers off our streets."

"Our community's teens are in a position to start their driving careers off with the right habits. Driving impaired is a preventable crime and comes down to the choice of getting behind the wheel of a car when you are not in a position to do so," said STOP-DWI Program Coordinator Lindsay Tomidy "We need to heighten awareness to the issue of all types of impairment, so that the community remembers to hold each other accountable for this choice, as DWI often ends in death whether your own or someone else's."

We encourage Monroe County residents to view the Exhibit as well as other STOP-DWI materials that can be found here https://www.monroecounty.gov/safety-stopdwi.

Important Reminder: On May 3, 2023, all U.S. travelers must be REAL ID-compliant to board domestic flights and access certain federal facilities.

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