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**Joint Statement from Monroe County Executive Adam Bello and
Public Health Commissioner Dr. Michael Mendoza**

“Today’s announcement by the Federal Drug Administration, giving full approval to the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, should help instill confidence among those in our community who have been hesitant to get vaccinated against this serious virus. Full FDA approval means this vaccine has undergone intense scrutiny by world class scientists, and the vaccine has proven to be safe and effective. It is no different than any other FDA approved vaccine that we take to prevent measles, mumps, chicken pox, the flu and numerous other preventable diseases. If you have been on the fence about getting vaccinated against COVID-19, now you can be sure that getting your shot is the right thing to do for yourself, your loved ones and our entire community.”

Monroe County Public Health Commissioner Dr. Michael Mendoza will be available via Zoom at 1 p.m. today to answer media questions regarding the FDA approval of the Pfizer vaccine. Members of the media who are interested in participating can request a Zoom invite by emailing Julie Philipp at juliephilipp@monroecounty.gov.