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County Clerk Romeo & Assemblymember Bronson: Non-binary New Yorkers Now Have Access to NYS ID's

(7/20/2022, Rochester NY) – Monroe County Clerk Jamie Romeo and Assemblymember Harry Bronson are incredibly proud to announce that after years of determined advocacy by a broad coalition of partners, DMV's will now offer 'X' as a choice for gender identification on NYS issued ID's. This is a significant step forward in making government responsive and respectful of the lives of the citizens' it serves.

"This change has been a long time coming, and now that the barriers of ignorance and bureaucracy have been pulled down we are humbled and proud to offer the 'X' as a choice for identifying gender on a NYS issued ID. This recognition is an important step in ensuring that the services provided by Monroe County DMV's are open and accessible to all New Yorkers," **according to Monroe County Clerk Jamie Romeo.** "I want to thank Assemblymember Bronson and Trillium Health for their years of tireless and ferocious advocacy on behalf of LGBTQ+ residents across New York."

"As Pride comes to an end here in Monroe County, I am grateful to see 'X' offered as a choice for gender identification on NYS issued ID's," **said Assemblymember Harry Bronson.** "I fought hard for this legislation despite the pushback we received from those who would rather New York adapt a "don't ask" policy. This option allows every person to proudly live with the authenticity and dignity they deserve. Thank you, Monroe County Clerk Romeo, for your support of our LGBTQ+ community over the years – your allyship has not gone unnoticed and is greatly appreciated."

"As the leading healthcare provider for the LGBTQ+ community in Rochester, Trillium Health is thrilled to support efforts to recognize the transgender, non-binary, and gender non-conforming community," **said Joseph Searles,** Vice President and Chief Community Engagement Officer at Trillium Health. "At Trillium Health, we have always provided gender-affirming care, and we continue to help all who depend on us to live their most authentic lives. We would like to thank Assemblymember Harry Bronson and Monroe County Clerk Jamie Romeo for their leadership, and we're proud to live in a state that supports the transgender, non-binary, and gender non-conforming community."

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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