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Guenther Announces Local Availability for Real ID Documentation

Sarah Guenther, Green Lake County Register of Deeds, announces that effective **Jan. 2, 2020** residents may no longer have to travel to other counties to obtain their Wisconsin marriage certificates. Certified marriage and birth certificates are required to obtain your Federal Real ID driver's license and both are available in her office.

Beginning January 2, 2020 you may now come to the Green Lake County Register of Deeds office to obtain your vital records regardless of where you were born or married in Wisconsin. We also have statewide access to Wisconsin divorce certificates from January 1, 2016, and death certificates from September 1, 2013.

Guenther explains that the increased availability of marriage certificates is part of a broader goal to provide statewide access to all Wisconsin vital records, which include: birth, death, marriage, and divorce certificates.

The State Vital Records Office is continuing to work with Register of Deeds offices to add or update the vital records on demand, with an average wait time of 15 minutes.

Guenther wants to emphasize that not all records will be available at the implementation of this service. "It may take a few years for every vital record to be available statewide, but we are working hard towards that goal," says Guenther. She advises you to call ahead to inquire about the records available prior to coming into the office. The Green Lake County Register of Deeds phone number is 920-294-4021.