



Measure #: 2024-029

TOWN COUNCIL MEASURE SUBMITTAL

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MEASURE DESCRIPTION:

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL ADDRESSING THE CURRENT MIGRANT CRISIS

Signed: _____

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

Resolution Number 2024-001

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WHEREAS, the North Attleborough Town Council recognizes the ongoing migrant crisis that has persisted for the past 30 years, and is now causing significant impacts on our local community; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has thus far been unable to effectively resolve this crisis, leaving local communities to bear the burden; and

WHEREAS, the North Attleborough community is experiencing the effects of this crisis, including increased demand on our resources and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council acknowledges the need for federal support to alleviate the challenges posed by the migrant crisis; including financial support and a comprehensive immigration policy

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts should provide additional funding for municipalities, like North Attleborough, that are undertaking the care of migrant families in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the lodging tax waiver by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts should be reinstated to help address the financial strain on our community; and

WHEREAS, transportation needs for migrants must be met to ensure their mobility and access to essential services; and

WHEREAS, improved communication and coordination between the Commonwealth and local municipalities is essential to resolving this crisis effectively; and

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

ATTACHMENTS:

REFER TO SUB-COMMITTEE:

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PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION CONTINUED:

WHEREAS, improved communication and coordination between the Commonwealth and local municipalities is essential to resolving this crisis effectively; and

WHEREAS, North Attleborough has reached its capacity with the current number of migrant families and cannot accept new families for permanent residence in transient billeting; and

WHEREAS, the saturation of local infrastructure and educational systems will occur if further migrant placement continues in our town; and

WHEREAS, the safety and compliance of migrant housing under the Emergency Sheltering Law in Massachusetts must be ensured, including compliance with all local and state building codes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

The North Attleborough Town Council calls on the federal government to provide funding for local communities where the migrant crisis significantly impacts resources and infrastructure.

The North Attleborough Town Council requests that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts provide additional funding for municipalities undertaking the care of migrant families, reinstate the lodging tax waived by the Commonwealth, and allocate funds for transportation needs.

The North Attleborough Town Council calls for continued improvement in communication and coordination between the Commonwealth and local municipalities to address and resolve the migrant crisis effectively.

The North Attleborough Town Council acknowledges that North Attleborough has reached its capacity to effectively support new migrant families for permanent residence in transient billeting.

The North Attleborough Town Council emphasizes that further placement of migrant families will result in the saturation of local infrastructure and educational systems.

The North Attleborough Town Council requests that the Bylaw Subcommittee examine the current migrant housing situation to ensure compliance with safe housing practices and all local and state building codes, as well as town bylaws per its legislative authority and in adherence with any applicable state law, to safeguard the well-being of migrants in long-term transient billeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the appropriate federal authorities, the Department of Homeland Security, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and other relevant stakeholders.