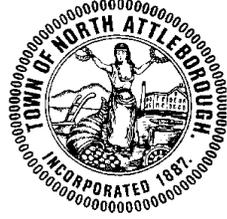


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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: Thursday, October 26, 2023
TO: Town Clerk
FROM: Michael Borg
CC: Justin Paré Town Council President
John Simmons Town Council Vice-President
RE: **Measure 2024-029- A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL ADDRESSING THE CURRENT MIGRANT CRISIS.**

Town Council Meeting- President Justin Paré
Measure 2024-029- A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL ADDRESSING THE CURRENT MIGRANT CRISIS

Purpose and Justification:

WHEREAS, the North Attleboro 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; and

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

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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; and

WHEREAS, the state's right to shelter law imposes an undue burden on municipalities with hotels and none at all on municipalities without them, particularly in regard to their school systems;

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 allocated funds for transportation needs.

The North Attleboro 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 Attleboro 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.

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.

The Town Council met on October 23, 2023, and on behalf of the Town Council, a motion was made by Vice-President Simmons to approve Measure 2024-029; A Resolution of the North Attleborough Town Council addressing the current migrant crisis.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Slobogan.

Motion carried. 8-0 UNANIMOUS