

By: Assemblymember Sumner  
Adopted: 05/03/22

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 22-051**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY IN SUPPORT OF THE UKRAINE RELIEF PROGRAM BY NEW CHANCE, INC. TO RELOCATE UKRAINIAN REFUGEES TO ALASKA AND WELCOMING THOSE DISPLACED TO OUR COMMUNITY.

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WHEREAS, Russia invaded Ukraine on February 24, 2022; and

WHEREAS, prior to the invasion, the estimated population of Ukraine was just over 40 million people; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of the invasion, an estimated 10 million people have been displaced from their homes within Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the invasion, an estimated 4.9 million Ukrainians have fled the country, and

WHEREAS, several million people fleeing an invasion represents a humanitarian crisis; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America has a long history of accepting and welcoming immigrants; and

WHEREAS, inside the Pedestal of the Statue of Liberty is a bronze plaque inscription containing a poem with the words "Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"; and,

WHEREAS, New Chance, Inc. is running a Ukraine Relief Program to complete rescue flights and bring refugees to Alaska.

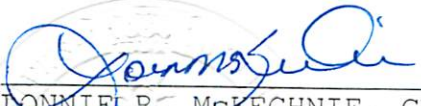
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough supports the Ukraine Relief Program to relocate Ukrainian refugees to Alaska, and welcomes those displaced to our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough calls upon State and Federal officials, in particular those dealing with immigration and relocation issues, to work collaboratively with the Ukraine Relief Program and welcome Ukrainian refugees to Alaska.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 3 day of May, 2022.

  
EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

  
LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk  
(SEAL)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Hale, Nowers, McKee, Yundt, Tew, Sumner, and Bernier