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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 25-046**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY IN SUPPORT OF UKRAINIAN AND RUSSIAN REFUGEES AND THEIR PATH TO PERMANENT RESIDENCY.

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WHEREAS, the United States has provided humanitarian relief to Ukrainians and Russians fleeing the war in the Ukraine through the use of the Humanitarian Parole and Temporary Protected Status (TPS) programs; and

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump recently revoked the status of humanitarian parole under the CNHV program which affects those in the United States from the countries of Cuba, Nicaragua, Haiti and Venezuela, thereby creating uncertainty regarding the future legal status of Ukrainians, Russians, and others under the Humanitarian Parole program; and

WHEREAS, throughout American history, the United States has provided refuge to those fleeing war and persecution, from welcoming Vietnamese after the fall of Saigon to granting asylum to those fleeing war-torn Bosnia in the 1990s, demonstrating a long-standing commitment to humanitarian aid and freedom; and

WHEREAS, all Ukrainian parolees arriving in our community have done so legally under the provisions of Humanitarian Parole and/or hold Temporary Protected Status; and

WHEREAS, 293 out of 934 Ukrainian individuals on humanitarian parole in Alaska reside in the Mat-Su region, representing approximately 30% of all Ukrainians in the state in this program; and

WHEREAS, our community has prioritized the swift integration of Ukrainians by supporting their employment and housing needs, ensuring they achieve stability within months of arrival; and

WHEREAS, Ukrainians are actively contributing to the local economy, filling labor shortages, starting businesses, and undergo training in electrical, mechanical and other fields through programs such as the trades program at Wasilla High School, thereby strengthening the economic resilience of our communities; and

WHEREAS, despite their contributions and ongoing integration into society—including participation in local schools and community activities—their immigration status remains uncertain and at risk of revocation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we urge federal policymakers to take immediate action to provide a clear and permanent pathway to residency for Ukrainians and Russians in the humanitarian and protected status programs who have sought safety and stability in the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call upon our elected officials, advocacy organizations, and community leaders to raise awareness and garner support for legislative solutions that will protect Ukrainians and Russians that are part of these programs from displacement and ensure their long-term stability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be shared with local, state, and federal representatives to emphasize the importance of protecting and securing the futures of Ukrainian and Russians who have become valued members of our community.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 15 day of April, 2025.

  
EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

  
LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

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PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Hale, Nowers, McKee, Sumner, Gamble, Fonov,  
and Bernier