



TOWN OF ELMA

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THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS MOTIONED BY COUNCILMAN NOLAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MALCZEWSKI.

RESOLUTION REGARDING the REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

WHEREAS; The Town of Elma is located in the heart of Erie County in the State of New York with a kind and giving population of 11,317 Americans,

WHEREAS: The majority of refugees currently proposed to be resettled in the United States, and in the County of Erie, are from North Africa, and the Middle East, including Syria. Due to social upheaval, terrorism, and civil wars, the countries of origin of these refugees are considered failed states and are unable to provide our State Department with reliable information about the background, criminal records, or terrorist associations of these refugees; and

WHEREAS: These refugees are not screened for HIV/AIDS and other communicable diseases; and

WHEREAS: Many, if not most, of these refugees are military age males who have not been screened by anyone to determine if they have associations with Hamas, Hezbollah, ISIS, al Qaeda, or other organizations that regularly engage in acts of terrorism directed at Americans and our allies; and

WHEREAS: The refugees being resettled do not speak English and will therefore pose an economic burden on our system of public education and social services; and

WHEREAS: Under federal law, these refugees are given legal permanent residence in the United States, and priority for an expedited process to become citizens without having to meet all the usual criteria of immigrants. Federal law also provides these refugees are immediately qualified for AFDC, SSI, Food Stamps, subsidized housing, free public education, health care, and all other social services provided to low income Americans; and

WHEREAS: Nothing in this resolution is intended to prevent any private citizen, Church, Missionary Organization, or other Ministry, from ministering to the needs of Christians who are displaced or persecuted in North Africa and the Middle East, provided it is financed with private voluntary donations, and

WHEREAS: Neither the US State Department, nor the County of Erie has sought the input of the voting taxpayers in the communities that will be adversely affected by the proposed refugee resettlement,

Now Therefore Be It RESOLVED: That the Elma Town Board respectfully and emphatically calls upon The Erie County Executive to immediately suspend the proposed resettlement of refugees in Erie County, New York. Resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to; The President of the United States, NYS Governor, Erie County Executive, NYS Senator, NYS Congressmen, Erie County Executive, Erie County Legislature and All Towns in Erie County

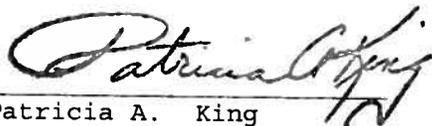
The question of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

Councilman Fallon	Aye
Councilman Malczewski	Aye
Councilman Nolan	Aye
Councilman Petrocy	Aye
Supervisor Powers	Aye

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ERIE
TOWN OF ELMA SS.

I, Patricia A King, Town Clerk of the Town of Elma, of the said County of Erie, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing and annexed copies with the original record thereof now remaining in this office, and have found the same to be a correct transcript there from, and of the whole of such original record.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town of Elma, at Elma, New York on November 18, 2015.


Patricia A. King