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**MAYOR ADAMS' STATEMENT ON CITY'S HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY
RESPONSE AND RELIEF CENTER FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS**

NEW YORK – New York City Mayor Eric Adams tonight released the following statement on the buildout of the city's Humanitarian Emergency Response and Relief Center:

"New York City has, on its own, safely and efficiently provided shelter, health care, education, and a host of other services to more than 16,000 asylum seekers pursuing a better life over the last few months. As we now work to open the city's first Humanitarian Emergency Response and Relief Center, safety for those seeking asylum remains our top priority. Following this weekend's storms, New York City Emergency Management determined that, while we would be able to put in place the necessary ponding mitigation measures, relocating the Orchard Beach humanitarian relief center to Randall's Island is the most efficient and effective path forward, and work is underway to make this move. This new location is less prone to flooding, is closer to public transportation, and will provide temporary respite to 500 asylum seekers. We expect this site to open in approximately the same timeframe as the originally planned location, and we continue to build out our options and explore additional sites as we handle this humanitarian crisis created by human hands."

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