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**MAYOR ADAMS MAKES EMERGENCY MUTUAL AID REQUEST OF NEW YORK
STATE IN RESPONSE TO MASSIVE INFLUX OF ASYLUM SEEKERS**

NYC Received More Than 3,100 Asylum Seekers in Past Week

*835 Asylum Seekers Arrived Last Thursday Alone, Largest Single Day Arrival Since Influx of
Migrants Began*

NEW YORK – New York City Mayor Eric Adams today released the following statement after New York City submitted an emergency mutual aid request to New York State for immediate help this weekend to shelter arriving asylum seekers:

“Three months ago, I spoke directly to New Yorkers about the crisis of asylum seekers that has driven our shelter system to record levels and strained our city. On that day, I said we would surpass the highest number of people in recorded history in our city’s shelter system and that every day after we would set a new record. We are now seeing more people arrive than we have ever seen — averaging over 400 people each day this last week, with 835 asylum seekers arriving on one single day alone, the largest single day arrival we’ve seen to date. All this is pushing New York City to the brink.

“Since last spring, the city has stepped up to welcome approximately 40,000 asylum seekers, providing them with shelter, food, and connections to a host of resources. We have opened 74 emergency shelters and four humanitarian relief centers at breakneck speed, and done this almost entirely on our own.

“We are at our breaking point. Based off our projections, we anticipate being unable to continue sheltering arriving asylum seekers on our own and have submitted an emergency mutual aid request to the State of New York beginning this weekend. This type of request, reserved only for dire emergencies, asks the state for support to shelter arriving asylum seekers as the city faces an immediate need for additional capacity. Our initial request is for shelter to accommodate 500 asylum seekers, but, as New York City continues to see numbers balloon, this estimate will increase as well.

“The absence of sorely needed federal immigration reform should not mean that this humanitarian crisis falls only on the shoulders of cities. We need support and aid from our federal and state partners and look forward to working together to meet this crisis head-on.”

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