

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-R-104

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, URGING OTHER FLORIDA MUNICIPALITIES, COUNTIES, THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF MAYORS TO JOIN THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI IN REQUESTING THAT THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION RECONSIDER ITS RECENT POLICY SHIFT REGARDING THE DEPORTATION OF HAITIANS ARRIVING IN THE UNITED STATES WHEN THAT ISLAND NATION STILL HAS NOT RECOVERED FROM THE 2010 EARTHQUAKE AND IS STILL IN POLITICAL TURMOIL; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, after the 2010 earthquake, the State of Florida, the United States Conference of Mayors, municipalities and counties throughout the state and elsewhere, along with the consent of the Obama Administration, allowed Haitians arriving to the United States to remain here under the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) humanitarian program; and

WHEREAS, Haiti still hasn't recovered from the 2010 earthquake; and

WHEREAS, even before the 2010 earthquake, Haiti was one of the poorest nations in the world; and

WHEREAS, Haiti remains in political turmoil after its former president stepped down without a successor; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Haitians who emigrated to South America following the earthquake, face unimaginable hardship and unemployment due to the economic downturn in those countries; and

WHEREAS, many Haitians who arrive to the U.S. border are now being detained in preparation for deportation; and

WHEREAS, Haiti is ill-prepared to absorb an influx of deported immigrants; and

WHEREAS, a destabilized Haiti will directly and immediately affect the State of Florida, Miami-Dade County and the City of North Miami; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of North Miami, hereby urge other Florida municipalities, counties, the State of Florida and the United States Conference of Mayors to join the City of North Miami in requesting that the Obama Administration reconsider its recent policy shift regarding Haitians arriving in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council find that the adoption of this Resolution is in the best interest and welfare of the residents of the City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

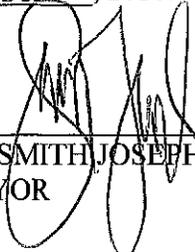
Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Mayor and Council Urge Reconsideration of Deportation Policy. The Mayor and City Council urge other Florida municipalities, counties and the State of Florida to join the City of North Miami in requesting that the Obama Administration reconsider its recent decision to deport Haitians arriving in the United States while that island nation has not recovered from the 2010 earthquake and is still in political turmoil..

Section 3. Transmittal. The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Governor, the United States Conference of Mayors and Mayors of every County and Municipality in the State Florida via the Florida League of Cities and Florida Association of Counties.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 5 - 0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 27th day of September, 2016.



DR. SMITH JOSEPH
MAYOR

ATTEST:



MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: MAYOR SMITH JOSEPH

Moved by: Bien-Aime

Seconded by: Desulme

Vote:

Mayor Smith Joseph, D.O., Pharm. D.
Vice Mayor Alix Desulme
Councilman Scott Galvin
Councilwoman Carol Keys, Esq.
Councilman Philippe Bien-Aime

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