

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-R-57

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, URGING
PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP AND THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO EXTEND
TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS FOR HAITIAN
NATIONALS AND TO EXTEND THE REGISTRATION
PERIOD FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS;
PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; PROVIDING FOR AN
EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2010, the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced that it would provide Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haitian nationals who were in the United States as of January 12, 2010, the date of the devastating earthquake in Haiti; and

WHEREAS, the TPS designation allows eligible Haitian nationals to continue living and working in the United States; and

WHEREAS, TPS was made available to Haitian nationals for eighteen (18) months from January 12, 2010 to July 22, 2011 and was extended several times due to the devastation Haiti continued to face; and

WHEREAS, the latest extension of TPS occurred on January 23, 2016 and expires on July 22, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Haiti has not recovered from the 2010 earthquake; the nation suffers from economic and political crisis, rampant Zika and Chikungunya cases, a steady rise in the number of cholera cases and deaths, and most recently, the devastating effects of Hurricane Matthew; and

WHEREAS, on October 4, 2016, Hurricane Matthew was the first Category 4 hurricane to hit Haiti in 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Matthew left at least 1.4 million people in need of emergency aid, killed nearly 1,000 people, and has dramatically increased the number of cholera cases in Haiti; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Matthew also left entire towns completely destroyed and cut off from the outside world by flooding and damage; and

WHEREAS, because conditions in Haiti have not improved, TPS should be extended for an additional eighteen (18) months; and

WHEREAS, the 50,000 Haitians with TPS have been in the US for at least six and a half years, the vast majority since well before the January 2010 earthquake, and have strong community ties including families with US born, American-citizen children; and

WHEREAS, Haiti's government is in no position to insure safety or to assimilate the 50,000 Haitians with TPS, not to make up for their remittances should they be curtailed by their deportation, and it remains unsafe to deport them; and

WHEREAS, their deportation would consequently tend to destabilize Haiti, which is contrary to the national security interest of the United States; and

WHEREAS, due to the devastation in Haiti, some nationals continue to have difficulty obtaining documents needed for the TPS application process and others may need additional time to gather funds for TPS application fees or determine eligibility for TPS fee waivers; and

WHEREAS, registration for TPS should also be extended beyond the normal 60-day period.

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

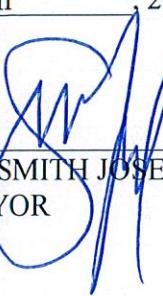
Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Mayor and City Council Recommendation. The Mayor and City Council urge President Trump and the United States Department of Homeland Security to extend Temporary Protected Status for Haitian nationals and to extend the registration period for Temporary Protected Status.

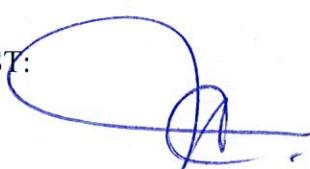
Section 3. Transmittal. The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the President of the United States, to the Members of the Florida Congressional Delegation and to the Secretary of the United States Department of Homeland Security.

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 24th day of April 2017.


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
CO-SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN ALIX DESULME

Moved by: Galvin

Seconded by: Desulme

Vote:

Mayor Smith Joseph, D.O., Pharm. D. (Yes) (No)
Vice Mayor Scott Galvin (Yes) (No)
Councilwoman Carol Keys, Esq. (Yes) (No)
Councilman Philippe Bien-Aime (Yes) (No)
Councilman Alix Desulme (Yes) (No)