

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-R-96

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 FOR EIGHTEEN (18) MONTHS BEYOND JANUARY 22, 2018; 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, on April 25, 2017, the Mayor and Council unanimously voted to urge President Trump and the United States Department of Homeland Security to extend TPS for Haitian nationals and to extend the registration period; and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2017, DHS extended Haiti's TPS designation for six (6) months beyond its scheduled July 22, 2017 expiration date and is now scheduled to end on January 22, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Haiti has not recovered from the 2010 earthquake; the nation continues to suffer from economic and political crisis, rampant Zika and Chikungunya cases, a steady rise in the number of cholera cases and deaths, including the devastating effects of Hurricane Matthew, the first Category 4 hurricane to hit Haiti in 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Matthew, which made landfall on October 04, 2016, left at least 1.4 million people in need of emergency aid, killed nearly 1,000 people, left towns completely destroyed and cut off from the outside world by flooding and damage and has dramatically increased the number of cholera cases in Haiti; and

WHEREAS, because conditions in Haiti have not improved, TPS should be extended for an additional eighteen (18) months beyond January 22, 2018; 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 ensure 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.

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

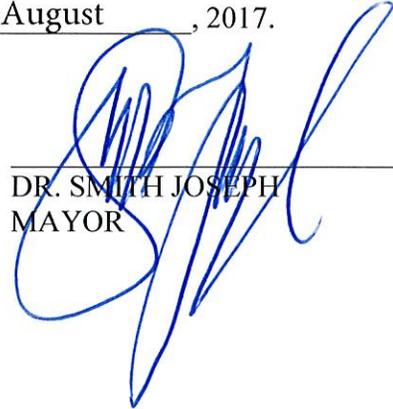
Section 1. **Recitals.** The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

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 for eighteen (18) months beyond January 22, 2018.

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 22nd day of August, 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: COUNCILMAN ALIX DESULME

Moved by: Galvin
Seconded by: Smith

Vote:

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

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