



City of Miami
Legislation
Resolution

RE.6

File Number: 09-00651

Final Action Date:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI CITY COMMISSION URGING PRESIDENT OBAMA TO GRANT TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE STATUS TO HAITIANS IN THE UNITED STATES; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE OFFICIALS AS STATED HEREIN.

WHEREAS, Haiti is the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere and has long suffered through political instability, financial difficulties, violence, hurricanes and earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, Haitian President René Prével has asked the United States government to extend Temporary Protective Status ("TPS") to Haitians; and

WHEREAS, TPS suspends the deportation of undocumented Haitians already in the United States; and

WHEREAS, TPS status also allows the granting of work permits and can last up to 18 months; and

WHEREAS, Haitian workers in the United States support relatives back home with remittances to Haiti from the United States estimated to be more than \$1 billion; and

WHEREAS, TPS would only apply to Haitians already in the United States and could actually combat massive waves of migration by keeping working Haitians in this country so they can continue to earn money to clothe, feed and house relatives in Haiti; and

WHEREAS, TPS has been granted to natives of several Central American and other nations undergoing turmoil similar to Haiti's; and

WHEREAS, no city in America feels Haiti's pain as much as Miami, where our hardworking Haitian community has made a positive impact on our diverse city and continues to support fellow countrymen in dire need in Haiti;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The recitals and findings contained in the Preamble to this Resolution are adopted by reference and incorporated as if fully set forth in this Section.

Section 2. The Miami City Commission urges President Barack H. Obama and the members of the United States Congress to grant temporary protective status to Haitians in the United States.

Section 3. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, to each Senator and Representative from Florida in the Congress of the United States

and to the thirty five municipalities that comprise the Miami-Dade League of Cities.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and signature of the Mayor.{1}

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

JULIE O. BRU
CITY ATTORNEY

Footnotes:

{1} If the Mayor does not sign this Resolution, it shall become effective at the end of ten calendar days from the date it was passed and adopted. If the Mayor vetoes this Resolution, it shall become effective immediately upon override of the veto by the City Commission