

RESOLUTION NO. R2021-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO ORGANIZE A TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS (“TPS”) REGISTRATION DRIVE WITH THE HAITIAN LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (“HLA”) AND OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 15, 2021 RELATING TO THE RECENT EXTENSION OF TPS FOR HAITIAN NATIONALS IN THE UNITED STATES; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSEARY TO EFFECTUATE THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) is a temporary immigration status provided to nationals of certain countries experiencing problems that make it difficult or unsafe for their nationals to be deported to those countries; and

WHEREAS, Congress created TPS in the Immigration Act of 1990. It provides a work permit and stay of deportation to foreign nationals from those countries who are in the United States at the time the U.S. Government makes the designation; and

WHEREAS, the people of Haiti have endured numerous tragedies over the past 15 years as a result of earthquakes, hurricanes, political violence, and the recent assassination of the elected President of Haiti; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Haitians have died as a result of the 2010 and 2021 earthquakes which have devastated the country; and

WHEREAS, the political climate in Haiti is extremely unstable and the Haitian government is unable to provide the necessary help to alleviate the suffering of the Haitian people; and

WHEREAS, United States Department of State have warned Americans that the current conditions in Haiti make it unsafe to travel to Haiti due the devastation of the earthquakes, hurricanes, political violence, and the other maladies which have plagued Haiti for many years; and

WHEREAS, these conditions make it dangerous and inappropriate to forcibly repatriate Haitians at this time to Haiti; and

WHEREAS, Haitian nationals living in the United States play a critical role in sending \$1.3 billion per year in remittances sent to Haiti to sustain hundreds of thousands of loved ones back home in Haiti; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security recently announced that, because of new dire circumstances in Haiti, TPS for Haiti will be designated for 18 additional months effective August 3, 2021 through February 3, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, the Haitian Lawyers Association (“HLA”) is among several community organizations prepared to assist people who qualify for TPS; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission of the City of North Miami Beach wish to authorize the City Manager or his Designee to organize a TPS registration drive with the HLA and other community organizations to assist Haitian nationals who are in need of such service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of North Miami Beach, Florida, as follows:

Section 1. The aforementioned recitals are adopted by reference and incorporated as if fully set forth in this section.

Section 2. The Mayor and City Commission of the City of North Miami Beach authorize the City Manager or Designee to organize a TPS Drive with the Haitian Lawyers Association and other community organizations no later than November 15, 2021.

Section 3. The Mayor and City Commission authorize the City Manager and the City Attorney to do all things necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City of North Miami Beach City Commission at the regular meeting assembled this 21th day of September 2021.

ATTEST:

ANDRISE BERNARD, CMC
CITY CLERK

(CITY SEAL)

ANTHONY F. DEFILLIPO
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM, LANGUAGE
AND FOR EXECUTION

HANS OTTINOT
INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

Sponsored by: Commissioner Paule Villard and Commissioner Michael Joseph

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