



Broward County

Legislation Text

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Broward County Commission Regular Meeting

Director's Name: Steve Geller

Department: County Commission

Information

Requested Action

MOTION TO ADOPT Resolution No. 2021-487, the title of which is as follows: (Mayor Geller)

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, URGING PRESIDENT JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR., TO GRANT TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS EXTENSIONS TO VENEZUELAN NATIONALS AND URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO CREATE A MORE EFFICIENT AND STREAMLINED PATHWAY TO CITIZENSHIP; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Why Action is Necessary

Formal Board approval is necessary for the adoption of a Resolution.

What Action Accomplishes

Enables the adoption of the above Resolution.

Is this Action Goal Related

No

Previous Action Taken

Summary Explanation/Background

Temporary Protected Status ("TPS") may be granted to persons residing in the United States who are nationals of countries enduring conditions that temporarily prevent them from returning safely or, in certain circumstances, where countries are unable to adequately handle the return of their nationals.

It is estimated that more than 320,000 Venezuelan nationals, most of whom live in the State of Florida, qualify for TPS. On August 3, 2021, Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas extended TPS for Venezuelans through September 9, 2022. However, gaining lawful immigration status in the United States is a lengthy and arduous process that is estimated to take about four years for the average Venezuelan national. Venezuelan nationals are in need of a remedy to fill the gap of time between the expiration of their TPS and the time necessary to complete the legal immigration process.

The proposed Resolution, if adopted, would urge President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., to grant TPS

protection for Venezuelan nationals for an extended period to provide those individuals additional time to go through the necessary legal process regarding immigration status. Additionally, the proposed Resolution would further urge the United States Congress to establish a more efficient and streamlined pathway to citizenship for those Venezuelan nationals with TPS.

Source of Additional Information

Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary

None.

Fiscal Impact