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RESOLUTION NO.

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD
2 COUNTY, FLORIDA, URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO TAKE
3 IMMEDIATE LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO PROVIDE PROTECTION AND A PATHWAY
4 TO LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS AND, IF OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE,
5 UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP FOR HAITIAN NATIONALS AFFECTED BY THE
6 TERMINATION OF TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS ("TPS"); URGING THE
7 EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE UNITED STATES, PENDING CONGRESSIONAL
8 ACTION, TO REDESIGNATE HAITI FOR TPS OR PROVIDE OTHER LAWFUL
9 TEMPORARY PROTECTION FROM REMOVAL; RECOGNIZING THE
10 HUMANITARIAN, ECONOMIC, WORKFORCE, AND FAMILY IMPACTS OF THE
11 TERMINATION ON BROWARD COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL OF THIS
12 RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

13 (Sponsored by Commissioner Alexandra P. Davis)

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15 WHEREAS, Temporary Protected Status ("TPS") is a federal humanitarian
16 protection that has provided eligible nationals of designated countries temporary
17 protection from removal and employment authorization when conditions in their countries
18 make safe return inappropriate, but TPS does not itself provide permanent immigration
19 status;

20 WHEREAS, Haiti was initially designated for TPS following the catastrophic
21 earthquake of January 12, 2010;

22 WHEREAS, the termination of Haiti's TPS designation and related employment
23 authorization affected an estimated 331,000 to 350,000 individuals formerly protected by
24 the designation;

25 WHEREAS, following the judicial decisions permitting the termination to take
26 effect, congressional action is necessary to provide a durable immigration solution for
27 Haitian nationals who do not have another lawful basis to remain in the United States;

28 WHEREAS, the termination of TPS protections and related employment
29 authorization places affected Haitian nationals who lack another lawful immigration status
30 at risk of removal, family separation, and loss of employment, and may significantly affect
31 families, employers, healthcare systems, schools, local businesses, and communities
32 throughout the United States, including Broward County;

33 WHEREAS, Haiti continues to experience widespread armed violence, gang
34 activity, political instability, mass displacement, severe food insecurity, weakened
35 governmental institutions, and limited access to essential services;

36 WHEREAS, many Haitian nationals affected by the termination have lived in the
37 United States for years and have established substantial ties, including United States
38 citizen children, homes, businesses, employment, tax obligations, and longstanding
39 family and community relationships;

40 WHEREAS, Florida is home to a substantial Haitian and Haitian American
41 population, and Broward County is home to a vibrant Haitian and Haitian American
42 community that contributes significantly to the County's cultural, civic, and economic life;

43 WHEREAS, Haitian nationals affected by the termination contribute to Broward
44 County's workforce and economy, including in healthcare, caregiving, hospitality,

45 transportation, construction, education, and other essential sectors, and their removal
46 may disrupt employers, reduce household stability, separate families, and cause
47 significant economic and social consequences throughout Broward County and Florida;

48 WHEREAS, Congress has authority to enact legislation providing lawful
49 permanent resident status and other immigration protections to eligible Haitian nationals
50 affected by the termination of TPS;

51 WHEREAS, although congressional legislation is necessary to provide a
52 comprehensive and durable pathway to lawful permanent resident status and citizenship,
53 the Secretary of the United States Department of Homeland Security retains authority
54 under existing federal law to designate or redesignate Haiti for TPS if the applicable
55 statutory conditions are met;

56 WHEREAS, pending congressional action, temporary protection from removal and
57 continued employment authorization would reduce the immediate risk of family
58 separation, workforce disruption, and economic hardship affecting Haitian nationals and
59 the communities in which they reside;

60 WHEREAS, existing immigration law may provide certain individuals, depending
61 on their circumstances, with avenues to seek lawful status or protection from removal,
62 including family- or employment-based adjustment of status, asylum, withholding of
63 removal, cancellation of removal, waivers, or other relief authorized by federal law;

64 WHEREAS, those existing forms of relief are individualized, often discretionary,
65 subject to statutory eligibility requirements, and will not provide a comprehensive solution
66 for all Haitian nationals affected by the termination of TPS;

WHEREAS, a durable legislative solution should preserve family unity, recognize longstanding residence and contributions to the United States, and provide eligible Haitian nationals an opportunity to obtain lawful permanent resident status and, upon satisfying the applicable requirements, United States citizenship;

WHEREAS, the consequences of the termination extend beyond federal immigration status and directly affect families, employers, healthcare systems, schools, housing stability, local businesses, and the broader economic and social well-being of Broward County;

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of Broward County and its residents to urge Congress to enact a durable legislative solution and to urge appropriate federal officials to provide lawful interim protection and ensure that affected individuals have a meaningful opportunity to pursue any existing immigration relief or protection for which they may be eligible, NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners of Broward County, Florida ("Board"), urges the United States Congress to take immediate legislative action to provide eligible Haitian nationals adversely affected by the termination of TPS with protection from removal and a pathway to lawful permanent resident status and, upon satisfaction of the applicable statutory requirements, United States citizenship.

Section 2. The Board urges Congress, in developing such legislation, to preserve family unity, recognize longstanding residence and substantial community ties, account for the contributions of Haitian nationals to the nation's workforce and economy,

and provide appropriate consideration for affected individuals with United States citizen children and other close family relationships.

Section 3. The Board urges Congress to consider the continuing humanitarian and security conditions in Haiti and the substantial economic, workforce, healthcare, educational, and family consequences that the removal of large numbers of Haitian residents may have on communities throughout the United States, particularly Broward County.

Section 4. Pending congressional action, the Board urges the President of the United States and the Secretary of the United States Department of Homeland Security to redesignate Haiti for TPS with an updated eligibility date for the maximum period authorized by federal law, or, in the alternative, to provide Deferred Enforced Departure or other lawful temporary protection from removal, together with continued employment authorization as permitted by federal law, for Haitian nationals affected by the termination of TPS.

Section 5. The Board urges the Secretary of the United States Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, and other appropriate federal immigration authorities to (a) ensure that Haitian nationals affected by the termination of TPS have a meaningful opportunity to pursue any lawful immigration status, protection from removal, or other relief for which they may be eligible under existing federal law; and (b) exercise prosecutorial discretion, consistent with federal law, to prioritize family unity and reduce unnecessary disruption to employers and communities.

112 Section 6. The Board calls upon municipalities, community organizations,
113 faith-based organizations, businesses, healthcare providers, labor organizations, legal
114 services organizations, and other stakeholders throughout Broward County to support
115 efforts promoting family stability, economic security, and access to reputable and
116 competent immigration legal services for individuals and families affected by the
117 termination of TPS.

118 Section 7. The Board directs transmission of this Resolution to the President of
119 the United States; the Secretary of the United States Department of Homeland Security;
120 the Director of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services; the Director of United
121 States Immigration and Customs Enforcement; the United States Secretary of State; the
122 President of the United States Senate; the Speaker of the United States House of
123 Representatives; the chairs and ranking members of the congressional committees with
124 jurisdiction over immigration; the Florida Congressional Delegation; and the Broward
125 Congressional Delegation.

126 Section 8. Severability.

127 If any portion of this Resolution is determined by any court to be invalid, the invalid
128 portion will be stricken, and such striking will not affect the validity of the remainder of this
129 Resolution. If any court determines that this Resolution, in whole or in part, cannot be
130 legally applied to any individual, group, entity, property, or circumstance, such
131 determination will not affect the applicability of this Resolution to any other individual,
132 group, entity, property, or circumstance.

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ADOPTED this day of , 2026. **PROPOSED**

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:
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By: /s/ Karen S. Gordon 08/06/2026
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