

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(19)

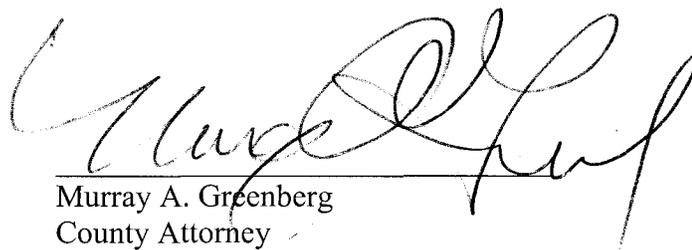
TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 7, 2006

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging U.S.
Dept. of Homeland Security
to preserve Temporary
Protective Status for
illegal migrants

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson.



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Please note any items checked.

- "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor

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Veto _____

3-7-06

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
HOMELAND SECURITY TO PRESERVE TEMPORARY
PROTECTIVE STATUS FOR ILLEGAL MIGRANTS FROM
EL SALVADOR, HONDURAS AND NICARAGUA AND TO
GRANT TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE STATUS FOR ILLEGAL
MIGRANTS FROM HAITI

WHEREAS, Temporary Protective Status is a special immigration status that prohibits the deportation of illegal immigrants if wars or natural disasters make it difficult for them to return home; and

WHEREAS, Temporary Protective Status was approved in 1998 for Hondurans and Nicaraguans after their countries were struck by Hurricane Mitch, and for Salvadorans in 2001 after earthquakes killed more than 1,000 people and destroyed more than 200,000 homes in El Salvador; and

WHEREAS, renewals of Temporary Protective Status have been routinely granted in recent years to Hondurans, Nicaraguans and Salvadorans; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 300,000 Honduran, Nicaraguan and Salvadoran migrants are currently in the U.S. under Temporary Protective Status, many in South Florida; and

WHEREAS, these three poor countries rely heavily on support sent back from migrants working in the U.S. to their native countries; and

WHEREAS, the Bush Administration has recently signaled that it may soon end Temporary Protective Status for Honduran, Nicaraguan and Salvadoran migrants; and

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WHEREAS, current conditions in Haiti are dangerous because of political violence and human rights abuses, so that requiring Haitian nationals to return to their country would pose a serious threat to their personal safety; and

WHEREAS, unlike Honduran, Nicaraguan and Salvadoran migrants, Haitian migrants have not been granted Temporary Protective Status; and

WHEREAS, the United States has granted Temporary Protective Status to the nationals of several other countries under similar circumstances over the last decade, including Burundi, Liberia, and Haiti itself in 1998,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to preserve Temporary Protective Status for illegal migrants from El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua, and to grant Temporary Protective Status for illegal migrants from Haiti.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Secretary of Homeland Security and the members of the Miami-Dade County Congressional Delegation.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson and offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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| Joe A. Martinez, Chairman | |
| Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman | |
| Bruno A. Barreiro | Jose "Pepe" Diaz |
| Audrey M. Edmonson | Carlos A. Gimenez |
| Sally A. Heyman | Barbara J. Jordan |
| Dorin D. Rolle | Natacha Seijas |
| Katy Sorenson | Rebeca Sosa |
| Sen. Javier D. Souto | |

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of March, 2006. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. 

Jess M. McCarty

