

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(25)

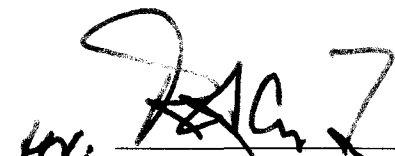
TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 25, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution relating to
Temporary Protected Status
for Haitian Nationals

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

for: 

Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

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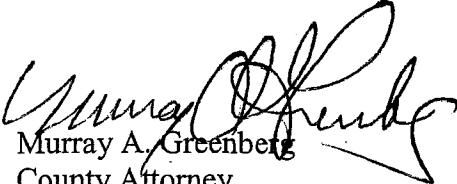


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Please note any items checked.

- "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 _____

01-25-07

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. SECRETARY OF
HOMELAND SECURITY TO GRANT TEMPORARY
PROTECTED STATUS TO HAITIAN NATIONALS LIVING IN
THE U.S. AND URGING THE U.S. CONGRESS TO SUPPORT
SUCH EFFORT

WHEREAS, the ongoing political instability occurring in Haiti poses a serious threat to the personal safety of the millions of Haitian nationals presently in Haiti, as well as those returning to Haiti from abroad; and

WHEREAS, in Section 244 of the Immigration Act of 1990, P.L. 101-649, Congress established a procedure by which Temporary Protected Status (TPS) may be provided to aliens in the United States who are temporarily unable to safely return to their home country because of ongoing armed conflict, an environmental disaster, or other extraordinary and temporary conditions; and

WHEREAS, during the period for which a country has been designated for TPS, TPS beneficiaries may remain in the U.S. and obtain work authorization, but it does not lead to permanent resident status; and

WHEREAS, countries that are currently designated for TPS are Burundi, El Salvador, Honduras, Liberia, Nicaragua, Somalia, and Sudan; and

WHEREAS, Haiti itself previously was designated for TPS in 1998, but that status has since expired; and

WHEREAS, current conditions in Haiti are extremely dangerous, so that requiring Haitian nationals to return to their country would pose a serious threat to their personal safety; and

WHEREAS, permitting Haitian nationals to remain temporarily in the United States is in the national interest of our country as the world's leading democracy,

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. Secretary of Homeland Security to grant Temporary Protected Status to Haitian nationals currently in the U.S.

Section 2. Urges the U.S. President and the U.S. Congress to support the granting of Temporary Protected Status to undocumented Haitian nationals living in the U.S.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the U.S. President, the members of the Miami-Dade County Congressional Delegation and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Section 4. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the action set forth in Sections 1 and 2 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2007 Federal Legislative Package.

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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Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman

Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Dennis C. Moss
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 25th day of January , 2007. 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.

JMM

Jess M. McCarty