

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(16)

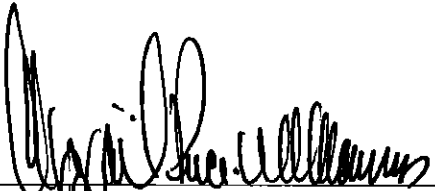
TO: Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: October 3, 2017

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging President Donald Trump and the United States Secretary of Homeland Security to extend Temporary Protected status for Haitian nationals for 18 months beyond January 22, 2018; preliminarily identifying this issue as a critical county priority for the 2018 federal legislative session

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jean Monestime and Co-Sponsor Commissioner Sally A. Heyman.


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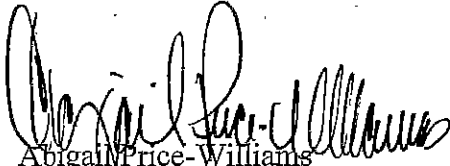


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Please note any items checked.

- "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
- Statement of social equity required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's _____, 3/5's _____, unanimous _____) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor

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Veto _____

10-3-17

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP AND THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO EXTEND TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS FOR HAITIAN NATIONALS FOR 18 MONTHS BEYOND JANUARY 22, 2018; PRELIMINARILY IDENTIFYING THIS ISSUE AS A CRITICAL COUNTY PRIORITY FOR THE 2018 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2010, the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced that it would provide Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haitian nationals who were in the United States as of January 12, 2010, the date of the devastating earthquake in Haiti; and

WHEREAS, the TPS designation is a humanitarian program that allows eligible Haitian nationals to continue living and working in the United States; and

WHEREAS, TPS was made available to Haitian nationals for 18 months from January 12, 2010 to July 22, 2011 and was extended several times due to the devastation Haiti continues to face; and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2017, DHS extended Haiti's TPS designation for only six months to January 22, 2018, the shortest TPS extension for Haitian nationals to date; and

WHEREAS, Haiti has not recovered from the 2010 earthquake; the nation continues to suffer from economic and political crisis, rampant Zika and Chikungunya cases, devastating cholera cases and deaths, and the damaging effects of Hurricane Matthew; and

WHEREAS, on October 4, 2016, Hurricane Matthew was the first Category 4 hurricane to hit Haiti in 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Matthew left at least 1.4 million people in need of emergency aid, killed nearly 1,000 people, and dramatically increased the number of cholera cases in Haiti; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Matthew also left entire towns completely destroyed and cut off from the outside world by flooding and caused great damage to crops, livestock and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Matthew struck Haiti's southern peninsula, one of the nation's breadbaskets, exacerbating the nation's food insecurity crisis after a three-year drought in Haiti's rice-growing region; and

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump recognized the devastation Haiti faced even before the additional damaging effects of Hurricane Matthew, acknowledging the turmoil, pain and suffering of the Haitian people as a result of the 2010 earthquake and desiring to be their "greatest champion"; and

WHEREAS, an extension of TPS for Haitian nationals has gained bipartisan support as it is a humanitarian concern; and

WHEREAS, because conditions in Haiti have not improved, President Donald Trump and DHS should extend TPS for an additional 18 months beyond the January 22, 2018 expiration; and

WHEREAS, prior to DHS granting TPS to Haitian nationals, TPS had been granted and extended to nationals from a number of countries, including El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Somalia and Sudan; and

WHEREAS, this Board considered the extension of TPS for Haitian nationals one of its highest priorities during the 2017 federal legislative session and would like to again identify this issue as a critical County priority for the 2018 federal legislative session and urge President Donald Trump and DHS to extend TPS for Haitian nationals for an additional 18 months,

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

Section 1. Urges President Donald Trump and the United States Secretary of Homeland Security to extend Temporary Protected Status for Haitian nationals for 18 months beyond January 22, 2018.

Section 2. Preliminarily identifies the issue described in Section 1 above as a critical County priority for the 2018 federal legislative session.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the Members of the Florida Congressional Delegation and to the Secretary of the United States Department of Homeland Security.

Section 4. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the action set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2017 Federal Legislative Package to include this item and include this item in the 2018 Federal Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jean Monestime and the Co-Sponsor is Commissioner Sally A. Heyman. It was 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:

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Chairman	
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Sally A. Heyman
Barbara J. Jordan	Joe A. Martinez
Jean Monestime	Dennis C. Moss
Rebeca Sosa	Sen. Javier D. Souto
Xavier L. Suarez	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of October, 2017. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the 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.

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