

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(13)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners


DATE: May 5, 2026

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the United States Senate to pass House Resolution 1689 or similar legislation that would extend Temporary Protected Status for Haitians lawfully present in the United States for three years

Resolution No. R-411-26

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Marleine Bastien.



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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**
- Requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3’s present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5’s ____, unanimous ____, majority plus one ____, CDMP 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 2/3 members present but not less than 7 votes (majority of membership) ____, CDMP 9 votes (2/3 membership) _____) to approve**
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-411-26

RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES SENATE TO
PASS HOUSE RESOLUTION 1689 OR SIMILAR
LEGISLATION THAT WOULD EXTEND TEMPORARY
PROTECTED STATUS FOR HAITIANS LAWFULLY PRESENT
IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THREE YEARS

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is home to one of the largest Haitian and Haitian-American communities in the United States, whose members have contributed greatly to the County’s culture, economic vitality, and civic life; and

WHEREAS, many Haitian nationals residing in the County and throughout the United States have been granted Temporary Protected Status (TPS) due to the unsafe and volatile situation in Haiti; and

WHEREAS, Haiti continues to face political instability and widespread violence; and

WHEREAS, it is not safe for Haitian nationals residing in the United States to return to Haiti; and

WHEREAS, the loss or expiration of TPS protections would place thousands of Haitian individuals and families at risk of deportation; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2026, the United States House of Representatives passed House Resolution 1689, introduced by Representative Laura Gillen and advanced via discharge petition, aimed at extending Temporary Protected Status for the roughly 350,000 Haitians lawfully present in the United States for an additional three years; and

WHEREAS, timely action by the United States Senate is necessary to ensure that eligible Haitian nationals maintain lawful status and protection from removal; and

WHEREAS, this Board remains committed to advocating for the well-being, safety, and dignity of all of its residents, including the Haitian community,

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

Section 1. Urges the United States Senate to pass House Resolution 1689 or similar legislation that would extend temporary protected status for Haitians lawfully present in the United States for three years.

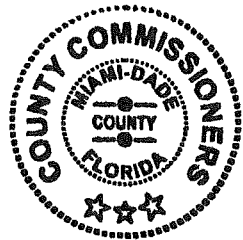
Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of State, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, and the Chair and Members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County’s federal lobbyists to advocate for the action described in section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2026 Federal Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Marleine Bastien. It was offered by Commissioner **Marleine Bastien** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Vicki L. Lopez** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman	aye	
	Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman	absent	
Marleine Bastien	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Sen. René García	aye	Oliver G. Gilbert, III	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	absent	Keon Hardemon	aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Vicki L. Lopez	aye
Natalie Milian Orbis	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 5th day of May, 2026. 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

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: Basia Pruna
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CJF", is written over a horizontal line.

Christian J. Fernandez-Andes