Agenda Item #: 4A-2

# PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### **AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: November 7, 2017		Consent Ordinance	[X]Re []Pu	gular blic Hearing
Department: Administration				
I. EXI	<u>ECUTI\</u>	/E BRIEF		
Motion and Title: Staff recommend extension of the Temporary Protected granted by the Department of Homelan current expiration date of January 22, 2	Status nd Secu	designation of	f more that	n 50,000 Haitians
<b>Summary:</b> On May 22, 2017, the Department of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) domains and informed the recipients of 22, 2018. It is the intention of this resolution 18 months beyond its current execution (DW)	esignati their in plution t	on of more to the second in th	han 50,000 rn to Haiti, o extend the	Haitians for six effective January e TPS for no less
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Attachments: 1. Resolution				
Recommended by:	N/A	Director		Date
Approved By:	1	y Administra	tor	11/2/17 Date

#### II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

## A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Other Department Review

**Department Director** 

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Fiscal Years	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
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#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-**

RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT TRUMP TO EXTEND HAITI'S TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS DESIGNATION FOR NO LESS THAN 18 MONTHS BEYOND JANUARY 22, 2018

WHEREAS, President Trump on September 16, 2016 told Haitian Americans he would be their "greatest champion," praising their "perseverance, entrepreneurship, creativity, [and] faith" and saying "the Haitian American community deserves our gratitude and our respect"; and

WHEREAS, President Trump continued, "The 2010 Haitian earthquake unleashed a horrible and catastrophic devastation: over 300,000 dead, millions displaced or injured, homes, businesses, schools reduced to rubble; amid the suffering Haiti showed the world so much heart and so much incredible resilience, but the truth is Haiti is still suffering"; and

WHEREAS, an issue of great concern and shared value in Haitian American communities is that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) should extend Haiti's Temporary Protected Status (TPS) designation for no less than 18 months beyond its current January 22, 2018 expiration date due to, and until it has recovered from, recent extraordinary calamities, including the 2010 earthquake from which recovery remains incomplete; the cholera epidemic which has killed at least 10,000 and sickened over 800,000, and last October's devastating Hurricane Matthew, a Category 4 hurricane with 145 mph winds and the worst to hit Haiti in 52 years, which killed 1,000 people, left hundreds of thousands without safe water or food, inundated vast areas and towns and destroyed crops, livestock, and infrastructure in broad areas; including Haiti's southern peninsula, one of the nation's key breadbaskets, greatly exacerbating the nation's food insecurity crisis; and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2017, DHS extended Haiti's Temporary Protected Status (TPS) designation for only six months, warning recipients to be prepared to return to Haiti, and it is now scheduled to end on January 22, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Haiti's government is requesting an extension of no less than 18 months to enable it to deal with the overwhelming challenges facing the nation due to these calamities, and DHS by November 23 must decide whether to terminate or extend Haiti's TPS designation, and

WHEREAS, Haiti's government, overwhelmed by the extraordinary recent calamities of earthquake, cholera epidemic, Hurricane Matthew, and food insecurity, is struggling to cope; and

WHEREAS, the 58,000 Haitians with TPS have been in the US and regularly send remittances which sustain about 320,000 to 500,000 relatives in Haiti, which in 2015 received from Haitians in the United States \$1.3 billion in remittances, which are Haiti's chief source of foreign assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, bipartisan support for a generous extension of Haiti's TPS designation includes U.S. Senators Rubio and Nelson joined by eight US congresspersons from Florida and resolutions by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, all urging an 18 months' extension;

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNTY OF PALM BEACH STRONGLY:

Section 1. Urges President Donald Trump to instruct DHS to extend Haiti's TPS designation for no less than 18 months beyond its current January 22, 2018 expiration date; and

Section 2. Urges Secretary of State Rex Tillerson to recommend to President

Trump and to DHS that conditions in Haiti fully warrant that DHS should extend Haiti's TPS

designation for no less than 18 months beyond its current January 22, 2018 expiration date;

and

Section 3. Urges DHS Acting Secretary Elaine Duke to extend Haiti's TPS designation for no less than 18 months beyond its current January 22, 2018 expiration date; and

Section 4. Authorizes transmission of this Resolution to President Donald F. Trump, White House Chief of Staff John F. Kelly, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, and Acting DHS Secretary Elaine Duke.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner				
moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by	Commissioner	,		
and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follo	ows:			
COMM. PAULETTE BURDICK, N	Mayor			
COMM. MELISSA MCKINLAY, Vice Mayor				
COMM. HAL R. VALECHE				
COMM. DAVID KERNER				
COMM. STEVEN L. ABRAMS				
COMM. MARY LOU BERGER				
COMM. MACK BERNARD				
The Mayor thereupon declared the resolution duly	y passed and adopted this	day		
of, 2017.				
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY	PALM BEACH COUNTY, F BY ITS BOARD OF COUNT			
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	SHARON R. BOCK, CLERK	•		
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