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## **CITY OF BOSTON**

**IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX**

### **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING U.S. DISCHARGE PETITION No. 15 TO ADVANCE FEDERAL LEGISLATION PROVIDING TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS FOR HAITI**

**WHEREAS**, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) is a humanitarian protection established by Congress to provide lawful status and work authorization to nationals of countries experiencing armed conflict, natural disaster, or extraordinary and temporary conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, Haiti continues to face severe and ongoing crises, including widespread violence, political instability, and humanitarian collapse, making safe return impossible for many Haitian nationals; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Boston is home to one of the largest Haitian diasporas in the United States, and Haitian residents are integral to the City's workforce, families, and neighborhood economies; and

**WHEREAS**, Most recently, in advance of the scheduled February 3, 2026 expiration of Haiti's TPS designation, Haitian workers and Boston-area employers experienced significant confusion, job disruptions, and anxiety, even as a federal court temporarily paused the termination and placed thousands of families in continued legal uncertainty; and

**WHEREAS**, On January 22, 2026, Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley filed a discharge petition pursuant to Clause 2 of Rule XV of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives to discharge the Committee on Rules from consideration of H.Res. 965, a resolution providing for consideration of H.R. 1689, legislation requiring the Secretary of Homeland Security to designate Haiti for Temporary Protected Status; and

**WHEREAS**, A discharge petition is a lawful congressional procedure intended to ensure that urgent matters of national and local significance may receive timely consideration by the full House of Representatives; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, That the Boston City Council supports the use of the discharge petition filed in the U.S. House of Representatives to advance floor consideration of legislation providing Temporary Protected Status for Haiti, and that the Clerk of the Boston City Council be directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Chair of the Committee on Rules, and the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation.