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CITY OF BOSTON

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RESOLUTION DENOUNCING THE TERMINATION OF TEMPORARY  
PROTECTED STATUS FOR HAITI

- WHEREAS,** Temporary Protected Status (TPS) is a humanitarian protection created by Congress to safeguard individuals who cannot safely return to their home countries due to armed conflict, natural disaster, or extraordinary and temporary conditions; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Haiti was first designated for TPS following the catastrophic 2010 earthquake, and subsequent redesignations reflected ongoing instability, natural disasters, and escalating violence that continue to jeopardize the safety of Haitian nationals; *and*
- WHEREAS,** On November 28, 2025, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced that it is terminating Haiti's TPS designation effective February 3, 2026, ending lawful protections and work authorization for Haitian nationals previously granted TPS; *and*
- WHEREAS,** This termination affects an estimated 330,000 to 500,000 Haitian TPS holders nationwide, many of whom have lived and worked legally in the United States for decades, raising families, contributing to the workforce, owning homes, and strengthening local economies, including thousands living in Massachusetts and the City of Boston; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The U.S. government's assertion that Haiti "no longer meets the statutory requirements" for TPS starkly contradicts extensive documentation of worsening humanitarian conditions, with violence at record levels, over 1 to 1.4 million people displaced, constant kidnappings and disappearances and the failure of public safety and basic services in many parts of the country; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston is home to one of the largest and most vibrant Haitian communities in the United States, with deep civic, economic, cultural, faith, and neighborhood ties, and the termination of TPS will inflict profound harm on families, employers, schools, and community institutions across the city; *and*
- WHEREAS,** In June 2025, the federal government imposed a travel ban prohibiting the entry of Haitian nationals as both immigrants and non-immigrants, closing lawful pathways and further separating families; a decision emblematic of a concerning erosion in U.S. immigration policy, which has become increasingly hostile, unpredictable, and destabilizing, including professional and personal travel to global events like the upcoming FIFA World Cup; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston has a longstanding commitment to protecting immigrant families, defending human rights, and opposing federal actions that undermine humanitarian protections, public safety, or community stability; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council strongly condemns the termination of Temporary Protected Status for Haiti, recognizing it as a cruel and dangerous policy that disregards overwhelming evidence and threatens the lives and futures of Haitian residents who call Boston home; *and*
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Boston City Council urges the Administration and Congress to immediately reverse this decision, restore Haiti's TPS designation, and stand in unwavering solidarity with Boston's Haitian community and commit to working alongside local, state, and federal partners to ensure stability and safety for all affected families.