

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR MINIARD CULPEPPER



CITY OF BOSTON

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**RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE TERMINATION
OF FEDERAL PROTECTED STATUS FOR HAITIAN
IMMIGRANTS AND AFFIRMING THE CITY OF
BOSTON'S OBLIGATION TO SUPPORT AND
PROTECT AFFECTED RESIDENTS**

WHEREAS, Haitian immigrants have been granted federal protected status, including Temporary Protected Status (TPS), due to extraordinary and temporary conditions in Haiti, including political instability, widespread violence, natural disasters, humanitarian crises, and the inability of the Haitian government to safely receive returning nationals; *and*

WHEREAS, Federal protected status has allowed eligible Haitian immigrants to lawfully remain in the United States, obtain work authorization, and live without fear of deportation, enabling families to achieve stability and contribute meaningfully to the economic, cultural, and civic life of the City of Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, On February 3, 2026, the federal government terminated protected status for Haitian immigrants, stripping many individuals and families of legal protections and work authorization and placing Haitian residents of Boston at immediate risk of detention, deportation, and economic displacement; *and*

WHEREAS, The termination of federal protected status threatens family unity, housing stability, workforce participation, access to healthcare, and the overall well-being of Haitian residents, with destabilizing effects that extend beyond individual families to neighborhoods and the City as a whole; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston is home to a vibrant, longstanding, and deeply rooted Haitian community and, as a welcoming city, has an obligation to respond decisively to federal actions that place its residents at risk; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council condemns the termination of federal protected status for Haitian immigrants, affirms the City of Boston's obligation to support and protect affected residents through all lawful and appropriate municipal actions, calls upon the Mayor and City departments to identify and implement concrete policies and resources, including legal assistance, housing and workforce

protections, access to healthcare and social services, and coordination with community-based organizations, and urges robust advocacy at the state and federal levels to secure the reinstatement or extension of protections for Haitian immigrants.

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