OFFERED BY COUNCILORS RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE, ENRIQUE J. PEPÉN, BREADON, CULPEPPER, DURKAN, FITZGERALD, FLYNN, MURPHY, SANTANA, WEBER, AND WORRELL

CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

RESOLUTION DENOUNCING THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT'S DECISION ALLOWING THE TERMINATION OF TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS FOR HAITIAN AND SYRIAN NATIONALS AND AFFIRMING BOSTON'S SUPPORT FOR TPS HOLDERS

WHEREAS, Temporary Protected Status (TPS), established by Congress in 1990 with bipartisan support, provides humanitarian protection and work authorization to individuals who cannot safely return to their home countries because of armed conflict, environmental disaster, or other extraordinary and temporary conditions; *and*

WHEREAS, On June 25, 2026, the United States Supreme Court, in a 6-3 decision, allowed the Trump Administration to move forward with terminating Temporary Protected Status for approximately 350,000 Haitian nationals and more than 6,000 Syrian nationals, placing hundreds of thousands of longtime residents at risk of losing lawful status and work authorization while litigation continues; *and*

WHEREAS, Massachusetts is home to one of the nation's largest Haitian communities, many of whom live and work in Boston and contribute every day as healthcare workers, home health aides, educators, childcare providers, construction workers, transportation employees, entrepreneurs, and other essential members of our workforce; *and*

WHEREAS, Many TPS holders have lived in the United States for decades, have U.S. citizen children, own homes and businesses, worship in our churches, volunteer in our communities, and have become integral members of the social, economic, and cultural fabric of Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, The loss of lawful status and employment authorization threatens to separate families, destabilize employers facing workforce shortages, weaken local economies, and inflict profound emotional and financial hardship on Boston residents and communities; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston has long stood as a welcoming city that values immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers and recognizes that the strength and diversity of our City is empowered by immigrant communities from across the world; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED, That the Boston City Council strongly condemns the United States Supreme Court's decision allowing the termination of Temporary Protected Status for Haitian and Syrian nationals and denounces any action that places families at risk of deportation to countries experiencing ongoing humanitarian crises; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER***

RESOLVED, That the Boston City Council reaffirms its unwavering support for all Temporary Protected Status holders residing in Boston and recognizes their immeasurable contributions to the City's neighborhoods, economy, healthcare system, schools, churches, and civic life; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER***

RESOLVED, That the Boston City Council urges the United States Senate to pass S. 4814, or similar legislation, preserving Temporary Protected Status for Haitian nationals and ensuring that our nation's immigration laws reflect compassion, fairness, family, due process, and human dignity.

Filed on: June 26, 2026