RESOLUTION NO.: 08-57

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, JOINING THE CITY OF MIAMI IN SUPPORTING HAITIAN IMMIGRANTS BY URGING PRESIDENT BUSH TO GRANT TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS (TPS) TO HAITIANS IN THE UNITED STATES.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah join the City of Miami in supporting Haitian immigrants by urging President Bush to grant Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to Haitians in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami has passed a resolution pledging its support for TPS for Haitian immigrants; and

WHEREAS, TPS is a temporary immigration status granted to eligible nationals of designated countries who are temporarily unable to safely return to their home countries because of ongoing armed conflict, an environmental disaster, or other extraordinary or temporary conditions; and

WHEREAS, Haiti is the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere, and has long suffered through political instability, financial difficulties, violence, hurricanes and earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, Haitian President Rene Preval has written to President Bush asking the United States government to extend TPS to Haitians; and

WHEREAS, TPS would allow eligible Haitians already in the United States to remain in the United States and obtain work authorization, but would not allow them to apply for or obtain permanent resident status; and

WHEREAS, TPS has been granted to natives of several countries in Africa and Central America undergoing turmoil similar to that of Haitian natives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The foregoing facts and recitations contained in the preamble of this resolution are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. The Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah, Florida support Haitian immigrants by urging President Bush to grant Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to Haitians in the United States.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of June, 2008.

Esteban Bovo
Council President

Attest:

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

Approved on the 12 day of June, 2008.

Mayor Julio Robaina

Approved as to legal sufficiency and form:

William M. Grodnick, City Attorney

S:\KC\Legislation\HaitianTPS-Reso-UrgingPresidentBush.doc

Resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote with Councilmembers Bovo, Caragol, Casals-Muñoz, Garcia-Martinez, Gonzalez, Hernandez, and Yedra voting "Yes".