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MIAMI CITY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN JOE SANCHEZ URGES PRESIDENT OBAMA TO GRANT TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS TO HAITIANS IN THE UNITED STATES

Miami, Fl. –City of Miami Commission Chairman Joe Sanchez, backed unanimously by the City of Miami Commission, passed a resolution Thursday, June 11, 2009, urging President Barrack Obama to grant temporary protected status (TPS) to Haitians in the United States.

“We are urgently calling on President Obama to do the right thing,” Sanchez said.

TPS suspends the deportation of undocumented Haitians already in the U.S. and allows the granting of work permits that can last up to 18 months.

"As a proud member of Miami's Haitian community, and an advocate for the humanitarian treatment of all people, I am pleased that Chairman Sanchez and the City Commission is poised to set an example for the rest of the country to follow," said Francesca Menes of the Florida Immigrant Coalition. Menes added, "Haiti has been devastated--environmentally and economically--and Temporary Protected Status would help Haitians here and abroad."

Haitian workers in the United States support relatives back home with remittances to Haiti from the United States estimated to be more than \$1 billion.

“Hurricane season is upon us and the nation of Haiti has barely recovered from last season’s devastating storms. It is imperative that we grant temporary protected status to Haitians in the U.S., so their work here can help fuel the rebuilding back home,” Sanchez said.

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