

RESOLUTION NO. 25-163

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA EXPRESSING SUPPORT
FOR EXTENDING TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS (TPS)
FOR HAITIANS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the City of Key West recognizes the significant contributions of the Haitian community to the cultural, economic, and social fabric of our city; and

WHEREAS, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) is a vital humanitarian program that provides temporary relief from deportation and work authorization to nationals of countries experiencing ongoing armed conflict, environmental disasters, or other extraordinary conditions; and

WHEREAS, the current conditions in Haiti, including political instability, economic challenges, and the aftermath of natural disasters, continue to pose significant threats to the safety and well-being of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the extension of TPS for Haitians aligns with the actions taken by Miami-Dade County, which has similarly expressed support for the Haitian community and the continuation of TPS protections; and

WHEREAS, relevant federal court decisions have underscored the importance of TPS in safeguarding individuals from returning

to life-threatening conditions in their home countries; and

WHEREAS, extending TPS for Haitians will provide humanitarian relief and stability to thousands of individuals and families, allowing them to continue contributing positively to our community and economy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Key West is committed to promoting inclusivity, diversity, and the protection of human rights for all residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF KEY WEST COMMISSION:

Section 1: The City Commission of the City of Key West hereby declares its support for the extension of Temporary Protected Status for Haitians, recognizing the humanitarian and community benefits of such an extension.

Section 2: The Haitian community in Key West has been an integral part of our city, contributing to its vibrancy and diversity. The current conditions in Haiti necessitate continued protection under TPS to ensure the safety and well-being of its nationals residing in the United States.

Section 3: The City of Key West Commission urges the federal government to extend Temporary Protected Status for Haitians,

recognizing the critical need for continued protection and support.

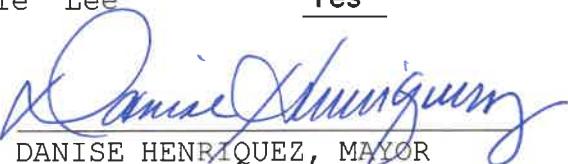
Section 4: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held this 8th day of July, 2025.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the Commission on this 9th day of July, 2025.

Filed with the Clerk on July 9, 2025

Mayor Danise Henriquez	<u>No</u>
Vice Mayor Lissette Carey	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Aaron Castillo	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Monica Haskell	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Mary Lou Hoover	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Sam Kaufman	<u>Absent</u>
Commissioner Donald "Donie" Lee	<u>Yes</u>



DANISE HENRIQUEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:



KERI O'BRIEN, CITY CLERK