

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 518

Approved December 8, 2017

WHEREAS, The country of Haiti suffered a devastating earthquake in 2010 that claimed hundreds of thousands of lives, displaced more than a million people and led to an outbreak of cholera; and

WHEREAS, In response, the United States extended temporary protected status to approximately 60,000 Haitian refugees who entered this country within a year after the earthquake; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 50,000 Haitian refugees remain in this country, as well as nearly 30,000 children who have been born to these families since their arrival in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Homeland Security recently announced that the temporary protected status of these Haitians will expire in July, 2019, after which time they will be subject to deportation; and

WHEREAS, Haiti's recovery from the earthquake has been slow and difficult, and the country has faced other calamities such as Hurricane Matthew and political upheaval, all of which would create a hardship for these families to return to their native country at this time.

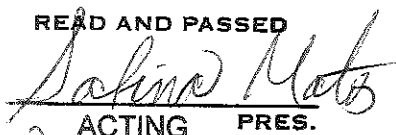
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby urges the Department of Homeland Security to reconsider its decision to deprive Haitian refugees of temporary protected status at this time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Providence City Council hereby urges the United States Congress to enact legislation regarding the treatment of refugees that reaffirms this nation's exceptional heritage as a beacon of liberty and defender of the dignity of all human beings.

IN CITY COUNCIL

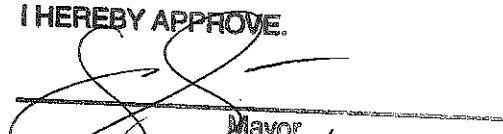
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Mayor  
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