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CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO CONFRONT THE TERMINATION OF FEDERAL PROTECTED STATUS FOR HAITIAN NATIONALS AND EXAMINE THE CITY OF BOSTON'S RESPONSE TO PROTECT AFFECTED RESIDENTS

WHEREAS, Haitian nationals have been granted federal protected status, including Temporary Protected Status (TPS), due to extraordinary and temporary conditions in Haiti such as political instability, widespread violence, natural disasters, humanitarian crises, and the inability of the Haitian government to safely receive returning nationals; *and*

WHEREAS, Federal protected status allows eligible Haitian nationals to lawfully remain in the United States, obtain work authorization, and be protected from deportation for the duration of the designation, enabling families to achieve stability and contribute fully to their communities; *and*

WHEREAS, On February 3rd, 2026, the federal government was set to terminate Haitian protected status until U.S. District Judge Ana Reyes granted a stay maintaining the legal status of Haitian nationals pending judicial review; *and*

WHEREAS, The possible termination of federal protected status pending judicial review of this decision would result in the loss of legal protections and work authorization for many Haitian residents across the country, including those living in the City of Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, The possible termination of protected status places Haitian individuals and families at immediate risk of deportation, job loss, housing insecurity, family separation, and diminished access to healthcare and other essential services; *and*

WHEREAS, The City of Boston is home to a vibrant and longstanding Haitian community and has a responsibility, consistent with its values as a welcoming city, to assess the impacts of this federal action and identify municipal policies, legal resources, service coordination, and advocacy strategies to protect and support affected residents; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to confront the consequences of the termination of federal protected status for Haitian nationals and to determine what actions the City of Boston should take to mitigate harm, support impacted families, and advocate for continued protections and relief.

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