

**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California**

Resolution No.:

Adopt resolution urging the Federal Government)
to extend the Temporary Protected Status (TPS))
for all (13) nations currently included in the program,)
and to establish a pathway to permanency for)
these recipients.....)

WHEREAS, Temporary Protected Status, or TPS, is a temporary, renewable program that provides relief from deportation and access to a work permit for certain migrants from a small number of countries who may not meet the legal definition of refugee but who cannot safely return to their country of origin; and

WHEREAS, Under current law, the Secretary of Homeland Security may designate a country for TPS when one of three circumstances occurs: There is “ongoing armed conflict” that creates unsafe conditions for returning nationals; there has been an earthquake, flood, drought, epidemic, or other natural disaster that makes the state temporarily unable to accept the return of its nationals, and the state has requested TPS designation; or “extraordinary and temporary” conditions in a state prevent its nationals from returning safely; and

WHEREAS, The TPS provision in the Immigration and Nationality Act states that a bill or amendment that provides for the adjustment to lawful permanent resident (LPR) status for any migrant receiving TPS requires a supermajority vote in the Senate (i.e., three-fifths of all Senators) voting affirmatively. Provisions that would have allowed nationals from various countries that have had TPS to adjust to LPR status had been introduced in past Congresses, but not enacted; and

WHEREAS, President Trump signed Executive Order 13768, Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States, which was later implemented through a memorandum signed by the Secretary of Homeland Security on February 20, 2017. These executive actions dramatically increased the universe of immigrant’s subject to deportation, eliminating the Obama Administration’s enforcement priorities. Consequently, many beneficiaries will not only become subject to deportation, but will be at serious risk because DHS has extensive and updated records on their places of residence and work. The highest number of these TPS holders come from El Salvador, Haiti, and Honduras; and

WHEREAS, California is home to the largest population of TPS beneficiaries in the country, with 55,000 people in the state, including hundreds in the Monterey Bay region. Many TPS beneficiaries and their families have deep ties to the Monterey Bay region and other communities across the nation, where they have started businesses, built community, bought homes and positively contributed to the social, cultural and economic fabric of cities and this nation; and

WHEREAS, An end to TPS would harm not only 350,000 beneficiaries nationwide, but also a far greater number of family members; and

WHEREAS, An end to TPS would harm the Monterey Bay region, State, and National economies with a projected \$45 billion reduction to the national GDP over a decade, \$6.9 billion in lost Social Security and Medicare contributions over a decade, \$1 billion in turnover costs to businesses, and \$3.1 billion in costs to the federal government to deport all TPS holders from El Salvador, Haiti and Honduras; and

WHEREAS, Conditions in designated TPS countries remain dangerous and unsafe, such that deportation to these nations not only separate families, but place individuals and their families at grave risk; and

WHEREAS, An end to TPS would harm Monterey Bay area families by throwing the lives of long-term city residents into chaos, separating parents from their children, impacting local small businesses and ultimately damaging the social and economic fabric of our city, and undermining our local values of inclusion and protection for All; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT AND RESOLVED, That the Monterey County Board of Supervisors urges the Federal Government to extend TPS by no less than eighteen months (18 months) for all designated countries; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Monterey County Board of Supervisors urges the Executive Branch and Legislative Branch of the Federal Government work together to legislate a pathway to lawful permanent residency for TPS beneficiaries, some of whom have been protected under the program for close to two decades; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board distribute a copy of this resolution to U.S. Senators Diane Feinstein and Kamala Harris, Congressman Jimmy Panetta, Governor Jerry Brown, Attorney General Xavier Becerra and to our local State Legislators.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ____ day of _____, 2017, upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____ by the following vote, to-wit:

- AYES:
- NOES:
- ABSENT:

I, Gail Borkowski, Clerk to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof Minute Book_____ for the meeting on_____.

Dated:
Gail T. Borkowski Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Monterey, State of California.

By _____
Deputy