

STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2018-104

TITLE: Resolution Recognizing the Significance of the Temporary Protected Status Program

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WHEREAS, Temporary Protected Status is a designation made by the Secretary of Homeland Security that grants nationals of certain countries the right to stay in the United States¹; and,

WHEREAS, ten countries are currently designated for Temporary Protected Status, including Haiti, El Salvador, Sudan, Honduras, Nepal, Nicaragua, Somalia, Syria, Yemen, and South Sudan²; and,

WHEREAS, as of January 2017, 325,000 individuals were living in the United States under Temporary Protected Status designation³; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security officials have announced the impending termination of countries such as El Salvador⁴ and Haiti⁵ from the program; and,

WHEREAS, due to the conditions within countries such as El Salvador⁶ and Haiti⁷, these countries are not prepared for the Department of Homeland Security to end their Temporary Protected Status terms; and,

WHEREAS, with the removal of this program, the Gator Nation and the United States may lose the talent, determination, and overall contribution brought forth by individuals protected by the Temporary Protected Status designation; and,

WHEREAS, as one united Gator Nation, we support our fellow Gators and their families who are represented under the Temporary Protected Status designation; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the importance of supporting students from diverse backgrounds.

¹ <https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/temporary-protected-status>

² <https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/temporary-protected-status>

³ <http://cmsny.org/publications/mhs-tps-elsalvador-honduras-haiti/>

⁴ <https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/temporary-protected-status/temporary-protected-status-designated-country-el-salvador>

⁵ <https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/temporary-protected-status/temporary-protected-status-designated-country-haiti>

⁶ <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/01/08/us/salvadorans-tps-end.html>

⁷ <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/11/20/us/haitians-temporary-status.html>

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate encourages students to utilize resources such as U Matter We Care, Multicultural and Diversity Affairs, and multicultural student organizations for more information and support.



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Ian Green
Senate President

Date

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to President W. Kent Fuchs, Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Parrott, Dean of Students Heather White, and Multicultural and Diversity Affairs Director Will Atkins.