

**RESOLUTION OF THE DADE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION URGING IMMEDIATE
TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS BE GRANTED TO ELIGIBLE NATIONALS OF
THE COUNTRY OF HAITI**

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2010 the country of Haiti and its citizens suffered a catastrophic natural disaster in the form of a severe earthquake, and

WHEREAS, immediate assistance is needed for the citizens of Haiti and Haitian nationals currently in the United States and its territories, and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County and Greater South Florida is home to thousands of Haitian nationals who currently face risk of deportation and are otherwise unable to fully participate legally in the employment market or seek out needed government services, and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Homeland Security has the authority to designate Haiti as having Temporary Protected Status, thereby allowing eligible Haitian nationals in the United States or its territories to remain in the United States or its territories and obtain work authorizations for the period of time indicated by the Department of Homeland Security; and

WHEREAS, Haiti is now unable to absorb thousands of potential deportees from the United States and its territories; and

WHEREAS, Haiti and its citizens would greatly benefit by a continuous, legal flow of monetary remittances sent home by Haitian nationals in the United States, understanding that in 2009 \$1.87 Billion of remittances were received in Haiti from the United States and that this amount would greatly increase with the grant of Temporary Protected Status for Haiti,¹

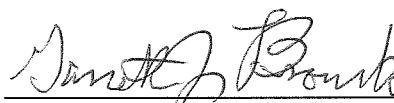
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Dade County Bar Association ("DCBA") the largest voluntary bar association in the state of Florida and representative of Miami-Dade County, home to the largest population of Haitian immigrants/nationals in the southeastern United States, does hereby urge Secretary Janet Napolitano of the United States Department of Homeland Security to exercise the authority of her office to immediately grant Temporary Protected Status to all eligible nationals of the country of Haiti in the United States and its territories.

ADOPTED THIS 13th day of January, 2010, at Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Dade County Bar Association



Steven P. Befera, President



Garrett J. Biondo, Secretary

¹ This data is based on information from the Inter-American Development Bank.