

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EXTENDING TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS FOR  
ALL AFFECTED GROUPS

WHEREAS, South Orange is home to a large immigrant population that makes our community and our economy strong and vibrant; and

WHEREAS, South Orange's immigrant residents include a substantial number of individuals from El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, Haiti, Nepal, Syria and other countries around the world who have been granted Temporary Protected Status (TPS) by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, nationwide, there are an estimated 320,000 TPS holders, including nearly 200,000 individuals from El Salvador, 50,000 from Haiti, and 9,000 from Nepal, a large concentration of which resides in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, TPS provides protection from deportation and employment authorization to individuals from countries that have experienced armed conflict, environmental disaster, or other life-threatening conditions; and

WHEREAS, TPS protections must be regularly renewed to remain in effect; and

WHEREAS, TPS protections for nationals of El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, Sudan, and Somalia have been in place for approximately 20 years and TPS protections have recently been extended to residents of Haiti, Syria and Nepal following devastating natural and man-made disasters in those countries; and

WHEREAS, the Trump Administration has indicated that it is strongly considering declining to renew TPS, thereby placing hundreds of thousands of individuals at risk of imminent deportation and depriving them of the means to make a living and support their families; and

WHEREAS, TPS holders have developed deep ties to the South Orange community, raising families, starting businesses, buying homes, and making other valuable contributions to our city; and

WHEREAS, conditions in TPS designated countries remain dangerous and unsafe such that deportation to those countries would place individuals and their families at grave risk; and

WHEREAS, an end to TPS would harm the South Orange community by throwing the lives of long-term city residents into chaos, separating parents from their children, and damaging the local economy; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Village President, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the Township of South Orange Village hereby calls upon President Trump and Department of Homeland Security Secretary to renew TPS protections for all eligible individuals.

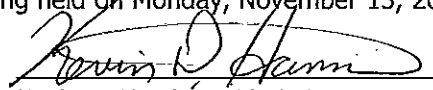
THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees urges the members of the U.S. Congress to work on a meaningful legislative proposal that would provide access to permanent status for long-time TPS holders; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Village Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to all members of U.S. congressional delegations from New Jersey, and the President of the United States, and the Secretary of Homeland Security.

Trustee Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Clarke			X			
Davis Ford			X			
Hartshorn Hilton		X	X			
Levison			X			
Rosner	X		X			
Schnall			X			

CERTIFICATION

I, Kevin D. Harris, Village Clerk of the Township of South Orange Village, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Township of South Orange Village at their Meeting held on Monday, November 13, 2017.



Kevin D. Harris, RMC, CMR  
Village Clerk