

1 RESOLUTION 2026-043

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAUDERDALE LAKES,
4 FLORIDA; EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION
5 1689 AND HOUSE RESOLUTION 965 OF THE 119TH CONGRESS, URGING
6 THE UNITED STATES SENATE TO TAKE PROMPT ACTION TO DESIGNATE
7 HAITI FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS; HOUSE RESOLUTION 1689
8 AND HOUSE RESOLUTION 965 ARE ATTACHED HERETO AS **COMPOSITE**
9 **EXHIBIT A**; A COPY OF WHICH MAY BE INSPECTED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
10 CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR
11 INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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13 WHEREAS, the City of Lauderdale Lakes (“City”) is home to a vibrant and significant
14 Haitian-American community that contributes meaningfully to the cultural, economic, and civic
15 life of the City;

16 WHEREAS, Haiti continues to face extraordinary and ongoing challenges, including
17 political instability, humanitarian crises, violence, and economic hardship, which make safe
18 return for many Haitian nationals untenable;

19 WHEREAS, Temporary Protected Status (“TPS”) is a humanitarian program authorized
20 under federal law that allows eligible nationals of designated countries to remain temporarily in
21 the United States due to conditions that prevent safe return;

22 WHEREAS, on April 16, 2026, the United States House of Representatives passed H.R.
23 1689, a bill requiring the Secretary of Homeland Security to designate Haiti for Temporary
24 Protected Status until three (3) months after January 20, 2029;

25 WHEREAS, the House also adopted H. Res. 965, facilitating the consideration and passage
26 of H.R. 1689;

1 WHEREAS, the City Commission recognizes the urgent need to provide stability and
2 protection to Haitian nationals currently residing in the United States, many of whom are valued
3 members of communities such as Lauderdale Lakes;

4 WHEREAS, the designation of Haiti for TPS would help prevent family separation,
5 strengthen local economies, and uphold humanitarian values;

6 WHEREAS, the United States Senate has not yet taken final action on H.R. 1689; and

7 WHEREAS, the City Commission finds it in the best interest of the residents of Lauderdale
8 Lakes to advocate for policies that promote humanitarian relief and community stability.

9 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF
10 LAUDERDALE LAKES AS FOLLOWS:

11 SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF RECITALS: The foregoing RECITALS are hereby ratified and
12 confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a part of this Resolution.

13 SECTION 2. AUTHORITY: The City Commission hereby expresses its support for House
14 Resolution 1689 AND House Resolution 965 and urges the United States Senate to take
15 immediate and favorable action to adopt House Resolution; further calling upon members of the
16 Florida Congressional Delegation, including United States Senators, to support and expedite
17 passage of this legislation.

18 SECTION 3. INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK: The City Clerk is hereby authorized to
19 forward a copy of this Resolution to the Broward League of Cities, the Florida League of Cities,
20 the President of the United States, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate,
21 members of the Florida Congressional Delegation, the Secretary of the Department of Homeland
22 Security, appropriate media outlets, and any other interested persons.

1 SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its
2 final passage.

3 ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERDALE LAKES AT ITS REGULAR
4 MEETING HELD APRIL 28, 2026.

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8 VERONICA EDWARDS PHILLIPS, MAYOR
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10 ATTEST:

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13 _____, CMC, Deputy City Clerk, for
14 VENICE HOWARD, MPA, MMC, FCRM
15 CITY CLERK
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18 Approved as to form and legality
19 for the use of and reliance by the
20 City of Lauderdale Lakes only:
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23 _____
24 SIDNEY C. CALLOWAY, CITY ATTORNEY
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26 Sponsored by: Commissioner Karlene Maxwell-Williams
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29 **VOTE:**

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31 Mayor Veronica Edwards Phillips _____ (For) _____ (Against) _____ (Other)
32 Vice-Mayor Sharon Thomas _____ (For) _____ (Against) _____ (Other)
33 Commissioner Tycie Causwell _____ (For) _____ (Against) _____ (Other)
34 Commissioner Easton Harrison _____ (For) _____ (Against) _____ (Other)
35 Commissioner Karlene Maxwell-Williams _____ (For) _____ (Against) _____ (Other)
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