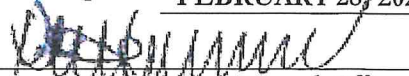


RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, NJ

No. MC 22-0228-10

Date of Adoption FEBRUARY 28, 2022

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY ON THE BASIS OF FACTS SET FORTH BY


Legislative Research Officer

PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER

FREDERIC

SECONDED BY

VICK

RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO CEASE DEPORTATIONS UNDER TITLE 42

WHEREAS, Irvington is home to a substantial amount of people of Haitian descent who have made Irvington their home for many years and contributes to the workforce, economy, and cultural vibrancy of the city; *and*

WHEREAS, On March 25, 2020 the Trump Administration initiated a deportation policy under a public health law that restricts immigration at the United States-Mexican border based on an unlawful invocation of the Public Health Act under Title 42 of the U.S Code ("Title 42") in violation of U.S. constitutional law and international law; *and*

WHEREAS, The Biden Administration has continued the immigration policies of the Trump Administration, further ramping up deportations, leading to mass expulsions of Haitians under Title 42; *and*

WHEREAS, Haitian migrants are unable to make claims for asylum as required under U.S. law and international law. Consequently, the actions of the Biden administration violate U.S. and international laws against returning migrants to persecution and torture; *and*

WHEREAS, In early September 2021, images revealed the inhumane treatment of Haitian migrants at the hands of U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents who, mounted on horseback, used the hides of their whips to violently chase Haitian migrants, a cruel reminder of slavery and the anti-Blackness embedded in this country's immigration policy; *and*

WHEREAS, The deportations under the guise of Title 42 have only escalated, with the U.S. government deporting nearly 14,000 Haitian migrants since September 2021, totaling more than 17,000 Haitian migrants deported to Haiti since the beginning of the Biden Administration; *and*

WHEREAS, On Thursday, February 3, 2022, during Black History Month, the Biden Administration chose to extend its practices of deportation under Title 42, despite widespread opposition from human rights groups, public health officials, elected officials, and asylum advocates; *and*

WHEREAS, Migrants are forced to return to a Haiti rife with political, social, and economic instability and are often at a greater risk of kidnappings, abuse, and violence. The United States government recognizes the risk in Haiti as the State Department's travel advisory to U.S. citizens regarding travel currently states "Do not travel to Haiti due to kidnapping, crime, civil unrest, and COVID-19;" *and*

WHEREAS, The Township of Irvington has served as a place of refuge for a diverse array of immigrants who comprise this township—whether fleeing persecution or terror, escaping gender-based violence, seeking reunion with family members, or pursuing economic opportunity; *and*

WHEREAS, This country has a legal and moral obligation under its own laws, and international laws and treaties, to receive migrants in distress in search of relief and refuge, thus measures restricting access to asylum must not be allowed to become entrenched under the guise of public health; *and*

WHEREAS, President Biden has expressed his commitment to reverse Trump-era immigration policies and build a humane immigration system; *and*

WHEREAS, We have an obligation as a Township Council to ensure that we have a government committed to justice and dignity for all people, including Haitian migrants seeking refuge;

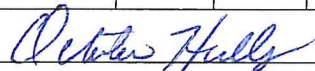
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that the Irvington Township Council calls for the federal government to reverse Title 42 and immediately halt the deportation of Haitian migrants, thereby allowing them to seek due process through our legal system to make claims for legal status.

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE

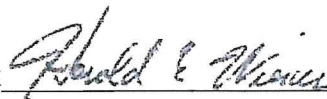
X = Indicates Vote N.V. = No Vote A.B. = Absent

COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	N.V.	A.B.
BEASLEY	X				HUDLEY, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT	X			
COX	X				VICK	X			
EVANS	X				BURGESS, PRESIDENT				X
FREDERIC, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT	X								

ACTING
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



MUNICIPAL CLERK



DATE February 28, 2022

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Municipal Council. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the Corporate Seal of the Township of Irvington.

MUNICIPAL CLERK



DATE **FEB 28 2022**

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