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Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

SUPPORTING EXTENSION OF THE TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS PROGRAM FOR GUATEMALA

WHEREAS, Chatham County has long shown support for its immigrant communities, including many immigrants from Central America; and

WHEREAS, the US Department of Homeland Security may grant “temporary protected status,” including employment authorization and protection from deportation, to immigrants in the United States who are unable to return safely to their home countries because of violence, natural disaster, or other extraordinary conditions; and

WHEREAS, as of November 10, 2022, nations with Temporary Protected Status designations include Afghanistan, Burma, Cameroon, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Haiti, Honduras, Nepal, Nicaragua, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, Venezuela and Yemen; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is estimated to be home to the 9th largest population of Temporary Protected Status holders in the United States; and

WHEREAS, a study conducted by Carolina Demography found that over 25,000 Guatemalans live in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, these families are an integral part of the community who should be welcomed and supported, and we should protect vulnerable persons who seek safety in our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners renews its support for the Temporary Protected Status program and urges the Department of Homeland Security to designate Guatemala as a Temporary Protected Status country.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners asks the Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to Congresswoman Valerie Foushee.

Adopted, this the 15th day of May 2023.

Karen Howard, Chair
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Lindsay K. Ray, NCMCC, Clerk to the Board
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