



WHEREAS, the Ecuadorian Community has a history of contributing to the economic vitality, and the social and cultural richness of Saint Paul; and

WHEREAS the lack of employment authorization is a barrier to full participation in the cultural, social, and economic life of Saint Paul; and

WHEREAS the City of Saint Paul benefits when everyone who lives in our city can fully participate in the cultural, social, and economic life of the city; and

WHEREAS, Ecuador continues to struggle with conditions that are not adequate for their nationals to return; and

WHEREAS, designating Ecuador for Temporary Protected Status would be a benefit to our city as Ecuadorians living in Saint Paul would have the opportunity to remain safely in the United States and obtain employment authorization which would then allow them to fully participate and contribute to the cultural, social, and economic life of the city; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Saint Paul calls upon the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to designate Ecuador for Temporary Protected Status to provide temporary immigration relief to eligible Ecuadorian nationals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Saint Paul calls upon our U.S congressional delegation; Representative McCollum, Senator Smith and Senator Klobuchar to support the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Ecuador Act of 2024.