



## RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO GRANT  
TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS TO ELIGIBLE FILIPINO CITIZENS  
CURRENTLY IN THE UNITED STATES.

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2013, Typhoon Haiyan ravaged the Central Visayan region of the Philippines, causing an estimated \$12.9 billion in damage and leaving more than 6,000 people dead, 27,000 seriously injured, and another 4 million displaced and homeless; and

WHEREAS, several months later, despite our nation's and the world's assistance through foreign aid, military assistance and the provision of relief supplies, the resources and infrastructure of the Philippines remain at risk, with individual communities still struggling to recover; and

WHEREAS, Temporary Protected Status ("TPS") is a U.S. form of humanitarian emergency relief for nations facing extreme hardships, such as those caused by an environmental disaster or an ongoing conflict; and

WHEREAS, TPS would allow Filipino nationals without permanent resident status in the United States to continue to stay in the U.S. with temporary working authorization at a time when the Philippines is not in a position to accommodate returning nationals; and

WHEREAS, TPS would benefit the Philippines by recognizing that the country is not in a position to accept returning nationals, while allowing these Filipino residents in the U.S. an opportunity to work and contribute to the rebuilding efforts in the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, in December 2013, President Benigno Aquino III formally requested TPS for the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Homeland Security, through the Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, may designate a foreign country for TPS due to conditions in the country that temporarily prevent the country's nationals from returning safely, or in certain circumstances, where the country is unable to handle the return of its nationals adequately; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the Philippines is in no condition to accept the return of its citizens, and that immediate relief and assistance is imperative until the eventual recovery of the typhoon-ravaged nation; now, therefore,



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BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Secretary of Homeland Security is requested to designate the Republic of the Philippines for Temporary Protected Status and to grant Temporary Protected Status to eligible Filipino citizens currently in the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council urges the Secretary of Homeland Security, in light of the serious needs of the Philippine people and government, to expedite the process of TPS designation; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Office of the U.S. Secretary of State, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the President of the Republic of the Philippines, and the Philippines Ambassador to the United States.

STAMP: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, CITY OF HONOLULU, CITY CLERK RECEIVED

INTRODUCED BY:

*[Handwritten signatures: Ron Mann, Alyce Pao]*

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

**APR 24 2014**

Honolulu, Hawaii

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Councilmembers

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII  
CERTIFICATE

**RESOLUTION 14-89**

Introduced: 04/24/14 By: JOEY MANAHAN

Committee: INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS  
AND HUMAN SERVICES

Title: RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO GRANT TEMPORARY  
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Voting Legend: \* = Aye w/Reservations

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05/22/14 INTERGOVERNMENTAL CR-173 – RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION.  
AFFAIRS AND HUMAN  
SERVICES

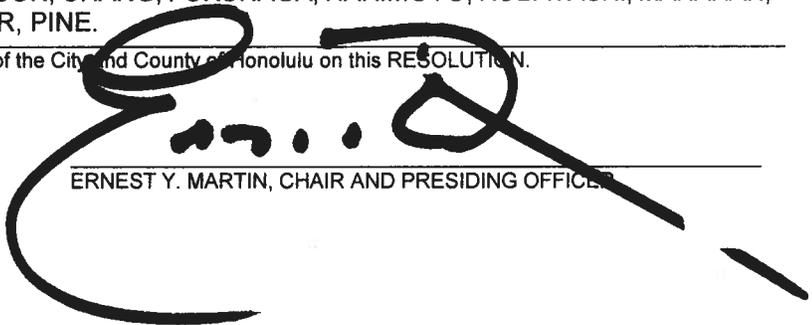
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06/04/14 COUNCIL CR-173 AND RESOLUTION 14-89 WERE ADOPTED.  
9 AYES: ANDERSON, CHANG, FUKUNAGA, HARIMOTO, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN,  
MARTIN, MENOR, PINE.

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I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.

  
BERNICE K. N. MAU, CITY CLERK

  
ERNEST Y. MARTIN, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER