

**Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association
RESOLUTION**

EXTEND "TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS" (TPS) FOR SALVADORANS

1992

Whereas through the last 12 years of bloody civil war and political polarization in El Salvador, Salvadorans have come to United States in search of safe haven; and

Whereas approximately 200,000 Salvadorans in the United States took advantage of the "Temporary Protected Status" (TPS) law passed by Congress in 1990 by applying for the protection which was offered for a period of 18 months; and

Whereas the 18 month TPS for Salvadorans is due to expire on June 30th, 1992; and

Whereas the historic peace agreements recently reached in the beginning of 1992 have started the process of resolution of El Salvador's civil war; and

Whereas it will likely take at least one to two years to see whether such peace agreements become reality; and

Whereas forcibly sending back thousands of refugees from the United States to El Salvador at the expiration of TPS and at the beginning El Salvador's peace process will only do damage to the prospects for a durable peace; and

Whereas Salvadorans who have applied for TPS in the United States warrant the full protection available to persons who have fled as refugees from violent and unstable conditions;

Be is resolved by the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association that we fully support and appeal to the Attorney General of the United States for the granting of an extension of TPS for Salvadorans for 18 more months beyond the present TPS expiration date of June 30th, 1992.

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