

Madison Mayor Soglin: Madison part of Cities' Immigrant Day of Action

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The City of Madison is joining cities across the country today in proclaiming today Cities

Immigration Day of Action. America is a nation of immigrants, and wave after wave of immigrants seeking a better life have built our nation and brought significant social, economic, and cultural benefits to communities nationwide.

The Madison Common Council, at this evening's meeting, will approve a resolution proclaiming March 21, 2017 as "Cities' Immigration Day of Action."

The resolution reads, in part: Mayors across America have called on the federal government to enact comprehensive immigration reform and enforce the nation's immigration laws in a humane manner that does not disrupt the lives of City residents, and, in the absence of federal immigration reform, Mayors and their cities seek strategies to protect and secure all their residents while ensuring that local law enforcement is focused on community policing.

"The City of Madison continues to speak," said Mayor Paul Soglin. "Our community welcomes everyone as a person of value. Our immigrant community brings richness that we cherish and embrace to this city."

This evening's action resolves Madison's solidarity with the immigrant community and asserts the City's commitment to the values of diversity, inclusiveness, and

equality.