

City of Richmond



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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Proclamation

WHEREAS, America is a nation of immigrants, and wave after wave of immigrants seeking a better life has built our nation and brought significant social, economic, and cultural benefits to communities nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Richmond is such a community, as immigrants have enriched our city's culture, increased our productivity and innovation, and bolstered our economy; and

WHEREAS, Mayors in cities big and small, including Richmond, foster welcoming and secure cities for all their residents, regardless of who they are or where they come from and

WHEREAS, 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 and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Conference of Mayors is organizing a National Immigration Day of Action on Tuesday, March 21, led by Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Chair of the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) Latino Alliance, Anaheim Mayor Tom Tait and Providence Mayor Jorge Elorza, Co-chairs of the USCM Immigration Reform Task Force and Seattle Mayor Ed Murray, Chair of the USCM Mayors and Police Chiefs Task Force;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Levar M. Stoney, Mayor of the City of Richmond, Virginia do hereby proclaim March 21, 2017 as

Cities' Immigration Day of Action

in the City of Richmond and joining cities across the country declaring its solidarity with the immigrant community, and asserting its commitment to the values of diversity, inclusiveness, and equality.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed, the seal of the City of Richmond, this 21st day of March, 2017

Levar M. Stoney, Mayor
City of Richmond