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MAYOR KAREN FREEMAN-WILSON JOINS MAYORS ACROSS THE COUNTRY IN SUPPORT OF IMMIGRANTS AND IMMIGRATION REFORM

TODAY MARCH 21ST “A DAY OF ACTION”

Gary, Indiana- Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson today joined Mayors across the country in observing “A Day of Action” in support of immigrants and immigration reform.

U.S. Conference of Mayors leaders Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Providence Mayor Jorge Elorza, Anaheim Mayor Tom Tait and Seattle Mayor Ed Murray hosted a bipartisan press conference call today to kick off the “Day of Action” and to highlight the important role of cities in addressing the challenges created by our broken immigration system.

Mayors are launching their cities’ Day of Immigration Action, with the goal of bringing together faith leaders, residents, stakeholders and community based organizations for a variety of events that support immigrants, share important information about rights and available resources and underscores their value to both the national and local economies. Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson issued a Proclamation in observance of this important day.

Mayor Freeman-Wilson said, “We must recognize the importance of having diversity in our communities and our nation. Immigrants like others have made significant contributions to our society. We urge Congress and the Administration to redirect its focus in regard to immigration reform that will be inclusive of all.”

In January this year during the U.S. Conference of Mayors Annual Winter Meeting in Washington, Mayors adopted a resolution calling for enactment of bipartisan comprehensive immigration reform, the continuation of programs that protect the temporary status of Dreamers, and recognizes the social, economic and cultural contributions of immigrant communities nationwide.

Tom Cochran, CEO & Executive Director of The Conference said at that time, "This resolution is official policy of the organization, and as Executive Director, I intend to put the full force of the nation's mayors behind it."

Mayors are amplifying their message by using #MayorsStand4All across their social media platforms on March 21 and beyond.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors is the official nonpartisan organization of cities with populations of 30,000 or more. There are nearly 1,400 such cities in the country today, and each city is represented in the Conference by its chief elected official, the mayor. Like us on Facebook at facebook.com/usmayors, or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/usmayors.

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