



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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**Statement by Trenton Mayor Eric Jackson on 'Day Without Immigrants'**

On Thursday, our dynamic community of immigrants sent a powerful message to the White House and other forces who seek to diminish the contribution that immigrants across America and here in New Jersey have made. Thousands of immigrant residents, including employees, business owners, and students, participated in a 'Day Without Immigrants,' lending their voices to stand up in a unified way to protest government policy and decision-making—institutional bigotry and xenophobia that contradicts American values, ideals, and compassion. As I said recently, as a mayor of a sanctuary city, I will not stand for such divisive policies, and I pledge to protect immigrants in Trenton and add my voice to those great many of my immigrant brothers and sisters.

We continue to be alarmed by White House policy, executive action, and federal appointments. Our collective concern is real, and we must come together as one community to demand that the White House shape policy that embeds American foundational values. We must continue to be united in sending this message powerfully, peacefully and with dignity.

My administration is pushing forward with community leaders and stakeholders to conceive ways to fight any policy threats to immigrants who have made our iconic city their home, and we will not waver from this important work. As always, my office is at your service. The main phone number is (609) 989-3030.