



## Legislation Text

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### **Fiscal Note**

The proposed resolution authorizes the City Attorney, in consultation with the Mayor, to join the City as amicus in any cases related to immigration where the position of the state or federal government is contrary to Madison's policy of being an open and welcoming city for immigrants. Staff time associated with this proposal is expected to be minimal and can be covered under existing appropriations.

### **Title**

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### **Body**

WHEREAS, On February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the Madison Common Council reaffirmed the City of Madison as an open and welcoming city and recognizing the contributions of immigrants to the city (RES-18-00135); and,

WHEREAS, On July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the Madison Common Council rejected the Trump Administration's policy of separating children from their families at the border, calling on congress to immediately halt this inhumane policy, and enact fair and humane comprehensive immigration reform (RES-18-00528); and,

WHEREAS, On March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017, the Madison Common Council proclaimed March 21, 2017, as "Cities' Immigration Day of Action" (RES-17-00208); and,

WHEREAS, Amicus briefs are filed in court cases by municipalities who are strongly invested in the outcome of cases, but are not themselves party to the cases and Amicus briefs can present additional information and context to the legal issue being decided and can be time sensitive and require immediate action,

NOW BE IT RESOLVED the the City of Madison Mayor and Common Council do hereby reaffirm their commitment to being an open and welcoming city for immigrants and condemn the Trump Administration's continued attacks on immigrants; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the City Attorney, in consultation with the Mayor, is authorized to join the City as amicus in any cases related to immigration where the position of the state or federal government is contrary to Madison's policy of being an open and welcoming city for immigrants.