

Whereas: since 2016 the Federal Highway Administration has set aside the second full week of November as Crash Responder Safety Week to remind drivers that onscene personnel provide a critical public service in a dangerous roadside environment; and

Whereas: our safety depends on committed first responders including law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, safety service patrol operators, department of transportation and public works crews, and tow operators; and

Whereas: this year the City of Racine is joining the Racine Police and Fire Departments and Wisconsin Department of Transportation to spread awareness by sharing the 2024 Crash Responder Safety Week theme of "Responders Ahead! Reduce Your Speed as You Proceed"; and

Whereas: motor vehicle crashes end the lives of law enforcement officers more than any other cause when motorists fail to move over and observe the *Slow Down*, *Move Over* law.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, I, Mayor Cory Mason, on behalf of the residents of the City of Racine do hereby proclaim November 18-22, 2024, as

Crash Responder Safety Week

and I urge all residents to take necessary precautions to protect responders, other road users, drivers, and passengers.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Racine to be affixed.

Accomplished at the City Hall this 19th day of November 2024.

Alayor