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## CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

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**Whereas:** The Great Lakes system – including Lake Erie, Lake Huron, Lake Ontario, Lake Michigan, Lake Superior, and the St. Lawrence river – hold 84 percent of the surface freshwater in North America; and

**Whereas:** The City of Racine was founded on the shores of Lake Michigan and served as a main port for trade and travel for much of the 19<sup>th</sup> century; and

**Whereas:** The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River provide drinking water to more than 48 million Americans and Canadians; and

**Whereas:** September 7, 2020, marks the 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement which helps to set out “a shared vision for a healthy and prosperous Great Lakes region, in which the waters of the Great Lakes enhance the livelihoods of present and future generations of Americans and Canadians”; and

**Whereas:** People greatly value the opportunity to live, work, and play in areas near water that are vibrant, beautiful, and life-sustaining; and

**Whereas:** The City of Racine and surrounding communities are dedicated to the preservation and appreciation of the Great Lakes System and St. Lawrence river, recognizing what a tremendous value they are to millions and understanding the responsibility to protect and sustain such assets.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cory Mason,** Mayor of the City of Racine, do hereby proclaim September 7, 2020, as:

***Great Lakes – St. Lawrence Appreciation Day  
In the City of Racine***

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

Accomplished at the City Hall

this 1st day of September 2020.

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Mayor