

Proclamation

CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

Whereas: concerned about the deteriorating state of the environment, Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson announced teach-ins, renamed Earth Day, on college campuses across the nation, to be held April 22, 1970; and

Whereas: in 1990 Senator Nelson was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom as Earth Day founder by President Bill Clinton; and

Whereas: in April 2018 the City of Racine Common Council approved signing onto the Paris Climate Accord; and

Whereas: in 2019 the city established the position of Sustainability & Conservation Coordinator to focus on finding ways for the city to reduce its carbon levels and use renewable resources; and

Whereas: in 2020 the City of Racine installed its largest solar array to date at Olsen Prairie Park in partnership with WE Energies Solar Now Project; and

Whereas: the City of Racine is in the process of replacing its diesel-fueled bus fleet with electric buses, with a goal of having an all-electric fleet by 2030; and

Whereas: in the face of a global pandemic we are reminded of the importance of maintaining a clean and healthy environment; and

Whereas: residents of Racine have a right to live in a sustainable community that provides economic growth and opportunity; and

Whereas: the City of Racine will continue leading sustainability efforts through an environmental justice lens to improve the quality of life for generations to come.

Now Therefore: I, Cory Mason, Mayor of the City of Racine, proclaim
April 22, 2022

Earth Day

and I urge all residents to celebrate Earth Day by taking steps to combat climate change and support green initiatives.

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 18th day of April, 2021.**

Mayor