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CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

Whereas: National Gun Violence Awareness Day, also known as #WearOrangeDay, started in 2013 after 15-year-old Hadiya Pendleton was shot and killed in Chicago; and

Whereas: National Gun Violence Awareness Day takes place every year on the first Friday in June to remember victims, including those members of our community whose lives were tragically cut short; and

Whereas: between 1968 and 2017, 1.5 million people lost their lives to gun violence in this country, more than the total number of soldiers killed in every U.S. conflict since the American War for Independence in 1775; and

Whereas: the U.S. has the highest gun suicide rate of any country on earth with roughly 24,000 deaths per year, accounting for almost 70 percent of all annual gun deaths; and

Whereas: this year we remember the following city residents who lost their lives to gun violence between the June 4, 2021, National Gun Violence Awareness Day and today: Rebecca Rannow, Musa T. Musa, Jayden Cronin, James Hamilton, Vanessa Anderson, Christopher Lalor, Demond Hicks, 14-year-old male youth, Brittany Booker, Kevonte Kidd-Ellis, and Terrance Blair; and

Whereas: I ask all residents of the City of Racine to join me in a renewed commitment to reducing gun violence, pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands, and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our community safe.

Now Therefore: I, Cory Mason, Mayor of the City of Racine, proclaim June 3, 2022

Gun Violence Awareness Day

and I encourage all members of our community to spread awareness and to honor the victims of gun violence by wearing orange.

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 17th day of May, 2022.

Mayor