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CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

Whereas: March 1, 2021, marks the 40th Anniversary of the recognition of Women’s History Month, and this celebration is particularly important because so many women are bearing tremendous and disproportionate burdens due to COVID-19; and

Whereas: this year’s theme for Women’s History Month, “Valiant Women of the Vote: Refusing to be Silenced”, serves as a continuation of the 2020 Women’s Suffrage Centennial Celebration; and

Whereas: American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have been leaders not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

Whereas: American women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural, and social roles in every sphere of life by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home, as well as providing the majority of the volunteer labor force in this country; and

Whereas: the City of Racine has long benefited from the contributions of outstanding women leaders, including: Maria Benedicta Bauer, Rev. Olympia Brown, Thelma Orr, Dr. Beatrice Jones, and Dr. Laurel Clark; and

Whereas: countless more Racine women – past and present – have contributed greatly to our community’s arts, economic development, sustainability, education; and collective movements toward justice, equity, freedom, and opportunity.

Now Therefore: I, Cory Mason, Mayor of the City of Racine, do hereby proclaim March 2021

Women’s History Month

and I invite all Racine residents to reflect on and honor the contributions of women to our city, state, and nation not just in March, but every day of the year by striving together to ensure justice, equity, and opportunity.

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 2nd day of March, 2021.

Mayor