

Proclamation

CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

Whereas: Children's Mental Health Acceptance Week is observed the first full week of May each year to reaffirm our commitment to raising awareness and being proactive in responding to the needs of our children, because good mental health is a key component in healthy development; and

Whereas: in the City of Racine one in two youth has reported a significant issue with anxiety, one in three of our youth report feeling sad or hopeless for two or more weeks in a row, and 16% of our youth have considered suicide; and

Whereas: with suicide being the 2nd leading cause of death for youth between the ages of ten and 24, it is vital that children, adolescents, families and our community learn the signs of behavioral health challenges and where to obtain assistance and treatment when needed; and

Whereas: the involvement and partnership of family members, schools, and others involved with a child struggling with mental health are essential in the assessment and treatment to ensure a positive outcome; and

Whereas: addressing the complex mental health needs for children, youth and families today is fundamental to the future of our Racine community, including having open conversations about the stigma of mental health within our families, schools, and community on how to compassionately support Racine's children and youth.

Now Therefore: I, Mayor Cory Mason, do hereby recognize May 1-7, 2023

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and urge us to work together toward meeting children's mental health needs, and promoting acceptance of children with mental health issues and their families.

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 April, 2023.**

Mayor