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CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

Whereas: Carter G. Woodson, noted Black scholar and son of former enslaved people, initiated Negro History Week February 12, 1926, to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. In 1976 as part of the nation's bicentennial, Black History Week was expanded and established as Black History Month; and

Whereas: the theme of Black History Month 2021 is "The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity", which provides "a rich tapestry of images for exploring the African American past and present"; and

Whereas: our community has long benefited from the contributions of outstanding African American men and women, including the following leaders in Racine history: Joshua Glover, Corrine Reid-Owens, Congresswoman Gwen Moore, Pastor Mark Gates, and William "Blue" Jenkins; and

Whereas: countless more Black Racinians, past and present, have contributed greatly to the City'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 February 2021

Black History Month

and I invite all Racine residents to reflect on and honor the contributions of Black Racinians to our city, state, and nation; and call on us to truly honor Black lives not just in February, 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 February, 2021.

Mayor