

Proclamation

CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

Whereas, since 1976, the United States has celebrated Black History Month in February to recognize and honor the profound contributions, achievements, and resilience of Black Americans throughout our nation's history; and

Whereas, Black history is an integral part of American history, encompassing the struggle for freedom and equality; the pursuit of excellence in arts, science, education, public service, and countless other fields; and the enduring legacy of courage, leadership, and determination that continues to inspire us all; and

Whereas, the theme for Black History Month 2025, "African Americans and Labor", focuses on the various and profound ways that work intersects with the collective experiences of Black people; and

Whereas, work has been central to much of Black history and culture from the agricultural labor of enslaved Africans to debates among Black educators on vocational training, and from self-help strategies and entrepreneurship in Black communities to organized labor's role in combating economic and social injustice. Everywhere we look, Black people's work has transformed societies across the nation; and

Whereas, we honor the contributions of Black residents who have enriched our community through their leadership, service, and cultural contributions.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Cory Mason, Mayor of Racine, hereby proclaim February 2025 as **Black History Month** in Racine, Wisconsin and call upon community members to reflect on the significant achievements of Black Americans.

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 21st day of January 2025.

Mayor