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CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

Whereas: May is Historic Preservation and Archaeology Month 2019, cosponsored and observed annually by the National Trust for Historic Places, the Wisconsin Historical Society, historical societies and commissions across the nation and state of Wisconsin, City of Racine Landmarks Preservation Commission, and Preservation Racine; and

Whereas: Ongoing public and private initiatives continue to inject renewed energy and excitement in the City's historical resources that reinforces the 2019 national theme of "This Place Matters"; and

Whereas: In the past year, following wide and diverse public input, the City of Racine Landmarks Preservation Commission completed the Racine Heritage Preservation Plan whose purpose is to inform and guide the City's heritage preservation efforts into the future, whether those efforts be to recognize people, events, locations, or structures which have contributed to the cumulative provenance of Racine, and on February 5, 2019 the Common Council adopted the plan; and

Whereas: In the past year, more iconic properties in the City have been earmarked for preservation and redevelopment: the Gold Medal Camp Furniture buildings, sections of the Horlick Malted Milk complex, and a portion of the Eisendrath Tannery complex; and

Whereas: Since May 2018 through the City's White Box and Commercial Façade Grant programs, 13 buildings have received assistance for either interior and/or exterior renovation or restoration projects totaling \$145,000 in grant assistance and leveraging over \$499,000 in private investment (a ratio of \$3.45 invested for every \$1 of grant assistance), the majority of these projects located in legacy commercial districts, historic districts or on historic properties; and

Whereas: For the past 32 years Preservation Racine has celebrated National Preservation and Archaeology month by presenting the annual Century Buildings Certificates to owners in Racine County whose buildings are at least 100 years old, and during a formal ceremony on May 6, 2019, 12 more buildings were added to this distinguished list of 413 properties; and

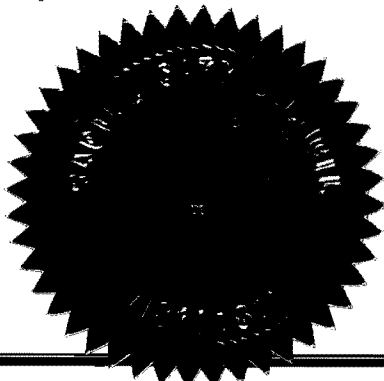
Whereas: The Racine community continues to choose a path that celebrates its historical resources by encouraging where appropriate, and assisting when able, their study, restoration, revitalization and stewardship.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cory Mason, Mayor of the City of Racine, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2019 as

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH

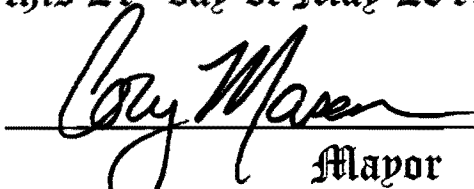
and call upon the people of the City of Racine to recognize and participate in this special observance because "This Place Matters".

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 May 2019.



Mayor