

Proclamation

CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

Whereas: Civil Rights activist Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was born 93 years ago on January 15, 1929, and is widely recognized as a respected leader of social change in America; and

Whereas: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. devoted his life to advancing equality, social justice, and opportunity for all, and challenged all Americans to participate in the never-ending work of building a more perfect union; and

Whereas: on August 28, 1963, just a century after the Emancipation Proclamation, Dr. King, led more than 200,000 Americans in the March on Washington in pursuit of equality and freedom for all people; and when standing on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, he called on Americans “to sit down together at the table of brotherhood” and meet our promise of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all; and

Whereas: Dr. King exemplified the quintessential American belief that we will leave a brighter, more prosperous future for our children; and his profound message of hope, justice, and brotherhood continues to be an inspiration for people all around the world; and

Whereas: to honor the legacy of Dr. King, Congress passed a bill in 1983 providing for the third Monday of January to be observed as Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; and

Whereas: residents of Racine have greater opportunities because of the work of Dr. King, and must continue to work together to achieve his many visions, for as he said, “we must learn to live together as brothers, or we will all perish together as fools;” and

Whereas: the City of Racine will honor and celebrate Dr. King, a giant of the civil rights movement whose nonviolent resistance to the injustices of his era continue to serve as a reminder and motivation to create a more just and equitable world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cory Mason, Mayor of the City of Racine, proclaim January 17, 2022,

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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 January, 2022.

Mayor