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CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

Whereas: Transit Equity Day is a national day of action first established on February 4, 2017, to coincide with the birthday of civil rights activist Rosa Parks who refused to give up her seat on the bus to a white man in the Jim Crow south, her action being the catalyst for the Montgomery Bus Boycott; and

Whereas: recognizing that public transit is a civil right, the Montgomery Bus Boycott demanded an end to segregation in the Montgomery, Alabama transit system, and brought the Civil Rights movement into the national spotlight; and

Whereas: the network of transit rider unions, community organizations, environmental groups, and labor unions launched Transit Equity Day in order to highlight the links between civil rights, environmental justice, and transportation; and

Whereas: Transit Equity Day seeks to continue Rosa Parks' brave and determined legacy by advocating for safe and reliable public transit for all people by promoting affordable, accessible, and sustainable transportation for all community members; and

Whereas: on the 109th anniversary of Rosa Parks' birth, the City of Racine affirms that all people have the right to high-quality public transportation that runs on clean and renewable energy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cory Mason, Mayor of the City of Racine, proclaim February 4, 2022,

Transit Equity Day

and I call upon all residents to take the opportunity to consider how strong public transit makes our community more connected and accessible for everyone.

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 1st day of February, 2022.

Mayor