

P roclamation

CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

Whereas: in 1948 representatives from the 50 member states of the United Nations (UN) came together under the guidance of Eleanor Roosevelt to devise a list of universal human rights that everyone throughout the world should enjoy; and

Whereas: Eleanor Roosevelt was heavily involved in championing civil rights and social activism, and served as chair of the UN Commission on Human Rights when the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) was drafted; and

Whereas: on 10 December 1948, the General Assembly of the United Nations announced the UDHR, featuring 30 rights and freedoms that belong to all people, including political, civil, economic, social, and cultural rights; and

Whereas: on the tenth anniversary of the UDHR Mrs. Roosevelt gave a speech at the United Nations called *Where Do Human Rights Begin?*; and

Whereas: the UDHR marked the first time in history when a global agreement put people, not politics, at the heart of its agenda; and dared to say that all people are free and equal regardless of color, creed, or religion; and

Whereas: the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is celebrating 73 years of advancing human rights, and more than seven decades later it continues to provide the basis for all international human rights laws; and

Whereas: Eleanor Roosevelt considered the UDHR her most important task during her years at the United Nations, and today the responsibility to continue promoting respect for these rights and freedoms lies within each of us.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cory Mason, Mayor of the City of Racine, proclaim December 10, 2021,

Human Rights Day

and I invite residents of the City of Racine to join me in reaffirming the dignity, worth and fundamental rights of all people.

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 7th day of December, 2021.

Mayor