

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's Great Lakes—Lake Michigan and Lake Superior—are vital to the health and prosperity of all Wisconsinites, supporting agriculture, providing drinking water, and offering recreation, tourism, and scenic beauty; and

WHEREAS, the 15 counties with frontage on Lake Michigan and Lake Superior are home to vibrant ports, harbors, marinas, and working waterfronts that drive economic growth and connect Wisconsin to both national and global markets; and

WHEREAS, since 1978, the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program has partnered with the Wisconsin Coastal Management Council, Tribal nations, local and federal governments, state agencies, nonprofit organizations, and businesses to protect and enhance Wisconsin's Great Lakes shoreline and coastal resources; and

WHEREAS, the Program's work includes implementing and enforcing coastal policies, strengthening local government initiatives, advocating for balanced and sustainable use of coastal environments, and increasing public awareness to ensure residents have a voice in decisions affecting the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Racine joins communities across Wisconsin in recognizing the leadership and contributions of the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program, whose efforts continue to promote, protect, and enhance our coastal heritage and natural resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cory Mason, Mayor of the City of Racine, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2025 as **COASTAL AWARENESS MONTH** in the City of Racine, and I encourage all residents to celebrate the importance of our Great Lakes, engage in coastal stewardship, and support efforts that preserve Wisconsin's shoreline for future generations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Racine to be affixed.

Accomplished at the City Hall this 2nd day of September 2025.

Mayor	