

Proclamation

CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

Whereas: the first American Indian Day was celebrated in 1916 after Blackfeet Nation member Red Fox James rode across the nation on horseback seeking approval from 24 states to have a day to honor American Indians; and

Whereas: in 1990 Congress authorized the President to proclaim the month of November “National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month”; and

Whereas: the City of Racine was built on land that for centuries was stewarded by the Potawatomi Nation until the U.S. Government forced them to cede this territory and leave their home; and

Whereas: this year’s Native American Heritage Month theme is *Celebrating Tribal Sovereignty and Identity*, which recognizes and ensures that decisions about Tribal property and citizens are no longer forced by the government, but rather made with the Tribe’s participation and consent; and

Whereas: during this month of observance, residents of the City of Racine are encouraged to celebrate the invaluable contributions to the city's arts, economic development, sustainability, governmental, education, and countless other fields made by Indigenous Racinians.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cory Mason, Mayor of the City of Racine, designate the month of November 2023 as:

National Native American Indian/ Alaska Native Heritage Month

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
The 7th day of November, 2023.**

Mayor