

P roclamation

CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

Whereas: each year Women’s History Month offers an important opportunity for us to shine light on the extraordinary legacy of the American women who have built, shaped, and improved our Nation; and

Whereas: American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have been leaders not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

Whereas: this year’s theme for Women’s History Month, “Providing Healing, Promoting Hope”, is both a tribute to the ceaseless work of women caregivers and frontline workers who continue to bear disproportionate burdens due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, as well as a recognition of the innumerable ways women of all cultures have provided both healing and hope throughout history; and

Whereas: it is particularly important to celebrate women in healthcare – from vaccine researchers to public health officials to the countless heroines on the frontlines – who are working tirelessly to help defeat COVID-19, including the City of Racine Public Health Officer Dottie-Kay Bowersox and Community Health/Nursing Director Bobbi Fergus, who continue to valiantly serve our community in the face of a pandemic; and

Whereas: the City of Racine has historically benefited from the contributions of countless more outstanding women leaders, including Maria Benedicta Bauer, Rev. Olympia Brown, Thelma Orr, Dr. Beatrice Jones, and Dr. Laurel Clark.

Now Therefore: I, Cory Mason, Mayor of the City of Racine, do hereby proclaim March 2022

Women’s History Month

and I invite everyone to join me in acknowledging the often-overlooked contributions of women, and thank them for endlessly sharing their amazing gifts to better our community.

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 March, 2022.

Mayor