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CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

Whereas: Red Apple Elementary School, located in the City of Racine, has been nominated for and received a National Blue Ribbon Award; and

Whereas: Only eight Wisconsin schools were selected for the U.S Department of Education's 2020 National Blue Ribbon Schools Program; and

Whereas: This prestigious award recognizes top-performing schools based on academic performance and achievement, and since 1982 has worked to recognize more than 9,000 schools; and

Whereas: Red Apple Elementary was selected for recognition for its tireless work to close achievement gaps as well as being the only Racine Unified District's choice school dedicated to STEAM based instruction; and

Whereas: On the most recent state report card, Red Apple scored an 88.2, with the state average being 73.9, out of 100 possible points for "closing achievement gaps", and scored an 88.7, with the state average being 86.8, out of 100 points for "on-track and postsecondary readiness"; and

Whereas: In addition to being a recipient of a National Blue Ribbon Award, two of Red Apple's teachers, Nicole Paul and Susanne Kelly-Johnson, have also been recognized by Encore Awards in Education for the 2020 school year; and

Whereas: The City of Racine is fortunate to have teachers and staff so dedicated to the education and success of all students.

Now, Therefore, I, Cory Mason, Mayor of the City of Racine, do hereby recognize Red Apple Elementary School as:

***A Recipient of the National Blue Ribbon Award
and an Exemplary Elementary School***

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 6th day of October, 2020.**

Mayor