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## CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

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**Whereas:** Each year on average, 708 people die and 1,686 are wounded by guns in Wisconsin. Wisconsin has the 27<sup>th</sup>-highest rate of gun violence in the U.S; and

**Whereas:** Americans are 26 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries, and guns are the leading cause of death among U.S. children and teens with one of 1 every 10-gun death victims aged 19 or younger; and

**Whereas:** National Gun Violence Awareness Day is commemorated on the first Friday of June, this year on June 6, and kicks off Wear Orange Weekend, which honors the memory of Hadiya Pendleton who, in 2013, was 15 when she was killed by gunshot in broad daylight, one week after performing at President Obama's second inauguration; in the wake of her death, Hadiya's friends asked people to wear orange – a symbol of human life – in remembrance of all victims and survivors of gun violence; and

**Whereas:** on this day and weekend, and throughout the entire month of June – nationally recognized as Gun Violence Month – all of us, as one Racine family, are asked to renew our commitment to end gun violence, vowing to do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands, and encouraging responsible gun ownership to help keep our children, families, and communities safe.

**Now therefore be it resolved,** I, Cory Mason, declare June 6, 2025, as

### **National Gun Violence Awareness Day**

**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 20th day of May 2025.

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Mayor