

Proclamation

CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

Whereas: Pride Month is an annual celebration of the LGBTQ+ community that takes place in June each year; and

Whereas: This month marks the anniversary of the 1969 Stonewall Riots, a defining event in the LGBTQ+ rights movement. Triggered by a police raid on a gay bar in Greenwich Village, New York City, the uprising became a catalyst for the fight for equal rights and is recognized as a turning point in history; and

Whereas: Pride Month is an important reminder of the progress made by the LGBTQ+ community in the fight for equality, acceptance, and visibility. It is also a time to recognize the many challenges still faced by LGBTQ+ people and their allies; and

Whereas: Pride Month is a reminder to the world that discrimination and prejudice are still prevalent and the fight for justice and equality is ongoing; and

Whereas: In 2022 and 2023, the City of Racine earned a perfect Municipal Equality Index (MEI) score by enhancing hate crime reporting, appointing LGBTQ liaisons, banning conversion therapy, strengthening non-discrimination policies, and expanding healthcare for trans and nonbinary employees.

NOW THEREFORE: I, Cory Mason, Mayor, proclaim the month of June 2025

Pride Month

and I invite everyone to recommit to the ongoing fight for equality, acceptance, and freedom for all.

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.

Mayor