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CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

WHEREAS, the Hispanic and Latino presence in America spans centuries, predating Spain's colonization of what is now the United States, and has been integral to the building of our nation since the Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month was first established in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week and expanded to a month-long observance in 1988 by President Ronald Reagan to honor the rich histories, cultures, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans to our democracy; and

WHEREAS, the celebration begins on September 15, marking the anniversary of independence for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua, followed by Mexico's Independence Day on September 16 and Chile's on September 18, reflecting the shared spirit of freedom and resilience across Latin America; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 national theme, "Collective Heritage: Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future," celebrates the enduring legacy of Hispanic communities and their leadership in shaping the social, political, and economic fabric of our city, state, and country; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latino Americans continue to enrich Racine through their roles as entrepreneurs, educators, artists, public servants, and community advocates. From serving in the U.S. military to leading movements for equity and justice, they remain powerful changemakers and cultural stewards.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cory Mason, Mayor of the City of Racine, do hereby proclaim **September 15 through October 15, 2025**, as **HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH** in the City of Racine, and I encourage all residents to celebrate the vibrant contributions of Hispanic and Latino communities, foster equity, and build lasting alliances that strengthen our shared future.

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 2nd day of September 2025.

Mayor