

Proclamation

CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

Whereas: continuing a history of football in Racine dating back to the 1800s, the Racine Raiders were founded in 1953 and is the longest continuously operating adult amateur or semi-pro football team in the country; and

Whereas: led by Head Coach Wilbert Kennedy and his staff, the Raiders used their athleticism, team chemistry, grit, and determination to achieve their first undefeated season since 2014 with a record of 15-0-0; and

Whereas: it is fitting that the Raiders went on to crown the team's 70th Anniversary year by winning their 10th championship title on September 2nd at the Gridiron Bowl XIV National Championship game; and

Whereas: staffed entirely by volunteers, the Racine Raiders organization takes seriously its mission to promote football with groups from grade school to adults through supporting organized athletics and programs that benefit youth, and by funding local scholarships; and

Whereas: with unwavering support, the team's dedicated volunteers, families, friends, and incredible fans all share in this victory, and we are honored to have this team in our city.

Now, Therefore: on behalf of the City of Racine, I, Mayor Cory Mason, congratulate the **Racine Raiders** on winning their 10th Championship and reaching the milestone 70th Anniversary as a dynamic football team, and wish them many more winning seasons.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Racine to be affixed on this 19^h day of September 2023.

Mayor