Proclamation CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

Whereas: on October 16, 2004, Mekhi L. Smith was welcomed into this world by his family, and was the embodiment of love to all who were fortunate enough to know him; and

Whereas: Mekhi departed this life on March 11, 2022, and despite his diagnosis of brain cancer at age 11, never let his treatment deter him from accomplishing more in his 17 years than many who live decades longer ever hope to achieve; and

Whereas: the pursuit of education drove Mekhi, and he graduated early with honors, receiving an International Baccalaureate stole and multiple other awards, and received an early acceptance letter to the Engineering Program at Marquette University Class of 2027; and

Whereas: in addition to being a driven student, Mekhi also found time to participate in band, the Robotics Team, the Engineering Club, and the ESports team who, with their coach, created the Legendary Award in Mekhi's honor; and

Whereas: Mekhi's greatest gift was his capacity to love, and this is the legacy he leaves.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Cory Mason, do hereby proclaim the 16th of October as:

Mekhi L. Smith Day

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Racine to be affixed.

Accomplished at the City Hall this 16th day of October, 2022.

Mayor