## **3 Proclamation** CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

*Whereas:* according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are 32.5 million small businesses in the U.S., which represent over 99% of our country's companies with paid employees; and

*Whereas:* Small Business Saturday was launched in 2010 to encourage shoppers to buy from small local businesses, as they are the heartbeat of the local economy; and

*Whereas*: our city is home to hundreds of restaurants, pubs, coffeehouses, retail shops and galleries that provide endless opportunities for people to enjoy their time in our fair city; and

*Whereas*: the City of Racine supports our local businesses as they create jobs, spur economic growth, boost our local economy, and preserve our neighborhoods; and

*Whereas:* small businesses depend on local shoppers to help them grow, especially this holiday season as they continue to navigate through and recover from the effects of the coronavirus pandemic.

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cory Mason,* Mayor of the City of Racine, do hereby proclaim Saturday, November 26, 2022, as

## **Small Business Saturday in Racine**

and urge all members of our community to support our local small businesses and merchants this holiday season and throughout the year.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Racine to be affixed on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022.

## Mayor