

City of Racine

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Legislative Report

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NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER – 2023

WHEREAS, the City of Racine has, by enacting Racine Ordinance section 62-27, declared it to be the public policy of the city to assure equal opportunities to all citizens of the city, regardless of age, sex, race, color, veteran's status, disabled veteran's status, religion, disability or disabilities, national origin, marital status, gender identity, sexual orientation, familial status, lawful source of income, or economic status, and to that end to prohibit discrimination based on these factors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Racine finds there is a need to establish a policy for the use of City Hall for the advancement of discourse addressing equal opportunities and ending discrimination on all such factors; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes section 62.11, the City of Racine Common Council shall have the management and control of the city's property; and

WHEREAS, the City of Racine declares that City Hall is not a public forum; and

WHEREAS, the City of Racine intends that the City Hall building and its curtilage will serve as a forum only for the limited purposes of government speech, specifically the expression of the city's policies and principles; and

WHEREAS, "curtilage" shall include the plaza, the plaza flagpole, the steps, the parking lot, and the grounds that lie between the outer façade of the building and the public sidewalk. Curtilage does not include the public sidewalk, but rather ends there; and

WHEREAS, it is apt that the Common Council should, from time-to-time invite civic organizations to assist the City in the expression of the City's policies and principles.

NOW THEREFORE; BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Racine recognizes May 4, 2023, to be the National Day of Prayer and invites local volunteers of the National Day of Prayer Task Force to lead its celebration at Racine City Hall; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Racine hereby sponsors a National Day of Prayer celebration, in partnership with Cheryl McCrary and other local volunteers of the National Day of Prayer Task Force, to be held May 4, 2023, to be held from 11:00 a.m., to 1:00 p.m., at Racine City Hall plaza.