

Proclamation

CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

Whereas: Armed Forces Day was created in 1949 by Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson, first marked May 20, 1950, by President Harry Truman, and formally established as a holiday in 1962 by President John F. Kennedy to pay tribute to members of the United States Armed Forces; and

Whereas: this holiday is held each year on the third Saturday in May to honor members of the five military branches unified under the Department of Defense: Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard; and

Whereas: brave members of the military risk their lives every day to keep our country safe, and joining the US Armed Forces is an incredibly selfless act that deserves recognition; and

Whereas: Armed Forces Day is also an opportunity to help people better understand the military's role, including the sacrifices each member and their families make as they preserve the freedom that enriches this nation; and

Whereas: through their commitment, America's Armed Forces and Veterans have made this world more secure and demonstrated that freedom should be cherished and appreciated; and

Whereas: we owe a debt of gratitude to all who dedicate their lives to protecting our liberties and defending our country, and we especially honor residents and employees of the City of Racine – both active duty military and veterans – for their service.

Now Therefore: I, Cory Mason, the Mayor of Racine, Wisconsin, do hereby call upon all residents to observe

Armed Forces Week May 13th to 20th
Armed Forces Day May 20th

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

Accomplished at the City Hall
this 16th day of May, 2023.

Mayor