

*Whereas:* National Gun Violence Awareness Day, also known as #WearOrangeDay, takes place every year on the first Friday in June to remember victims, including those members of our community whose lives were tragically cut short; and

*Whereas:* every year over 40,000 U.S. lives are stolen by gun violence, and approximately 76,000 more people are shot and wounded; and

*Whereas:* this year we remember City of Racine residents who lost their lives to gun violence between June 3, 2022 and today: Kareem A. McLain, Romelle D. Miller, Quentin R. Smith, Billy R. Petty, Avery T. Stewart, Gilbert I. Cotton, and Alexis M. Fisher; and

*Whereas:* we renew our commitment to reducing gun violence and doing everything in our power to keep firearms out of the hands of those who are a danger to themselves or others, and encourage responsible gun ownership.

Now Therefore: I, Cory Mason, Mayor, proclaim June 2, 2023

## Gun Violence Awareness Day

and encourage all community members to support gun violence prevention efforts to help keep our community safe, and bring awareness to gun violence by wearing orange on June 2nd.

*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		
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