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CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

Whereas: the Stonewall Rebellion was a protest in response to the June 28, 1969, police raid on patrons at the Stonewall Inn, a popular Greenwich Village gay bar, and it was a pivotal moment in the gay rights movement; and

Whereas: one year later on the anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion Brenda Howard, considered the Mother of Pride, organized New York's first pride parade; and

Whereas: in the face of increasing legislation to deny rights and the growing number of incidents of physical violence against LGBTQIA+ people, the theme of 2023 Pride Month is *Strength in Solidarity*; and

Whereas: Racine's diverse LGBTQIA+ community members make an indelible impact upon our quality of life as they contribute to academic, economic, artistic, and social spheres; and enhance our city's diverse history and culture; and

Whereas: the City of Racine is grateful for our partnership with the LGBT Center of Southeast Wisconsin as we work together to build open relationships and create a safe and welcoming city for both residents and visitors; and

Whereas: Pride Month serves as a call to our collective consciousness to persist in the fight to eradicate prejudice and discrimination everywhere.

NOW THEREFORE: I, *Cory Mason*, Mayor, proclaim the month of June 2023

Pride Month

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 6th day of June, 2023.

Mayor