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CITY OF RACINE MAYORAL PROCLAMATION
April 29, 2020
AMICUS CURIAE

Whereas, on March 18, 2020, and April 9, 2020, the City of Racine proclaimed a public health emergency to exist in the City of Racine as a result of the threat of the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and

Whereas, COVID-19 continues to spread the southeastern Wisconsin region, necessitating updated and more stringent guidance from federal, state, and local public health officials; and

Whereas, protecting the health and safety of City of Racine residents and employees is of paramount importance; and

Whereas, on March 24, 2020, and April 16, 2020, Wisconsin Department of Public Health Secretary-Designee Andrea Palm issued Safer-at-Home orders for the State of Wisconsin; and

Whereas, on April 21, 2020, the Wisconsin Legislature petitioned the Supreme Court of the State of Wisconsin, Case Number 2020AP000765 – OA, seeking to enjoin enforcement of the April 16, 2020, Safer-at-Home Order 28; and

Whereas, several Wisconsin local health officials and Wisconsin municipalities desire to provide information to the Supreme Court of the State of Wisconsin regarding the local and regional effects of COVID-19, and the need for a unified, state-wide approach to the response thereof, by filing a non-party *amicus curiae* brief in opposition to the arguments of the Wisconsin Legislature; and

Whereas, it is appropriate that the City of Racine join with such Wisconsin local health officials and Wisconsin municipalities in order that Racine's interest in the matters before the Supreme Court of the State of Wisconsin be known.

Now therefore, in accordance with the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Racine by Wisconsin Statutes sections 62.09(8)(a), 323.11, and 323.14(4), and by Racine Ordinance section 34-1, I do declare, proclaim, and order as follows:

The City of Racine City Attorney is authorized to join the other participating Wisconsin local health officials and Wisconsin municipalities in signing their non-party *amicus curiae* brief in the name of the City of Racine.

Dated at Racine, Wisconsin, this 29th day of April, 2020.

Cory Mason
Mayor