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CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

Whereas: the 90,000 registered nurses in Wisconsin constitute Wisconsin's largest healthcare profession; and

Whereas: the depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession meets the different and emerging healthcare needs of the Racine population in a wide range of settings, and registered nurses are an indispensable component of the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients as demonstrated during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas: the Racine registered nursing workforce is meeting the challenge of the COVID-19 public health emergency by demonstrating their knowledge of science, compassion, value and respect of every patient, their family and coworkers; and

Whereas: the Wisconsin Nurses Association, as the voice for registered nurses in this state, is working to chart a new course for a healthy Wisconsin that relies on increasing access to primary and preventive health care; and

Whereas: the demand for registered nursing services will continue to increase due to the aging population, continuing expansion of life-sustaining technologies, explosive growth of home healthcare and telehealth services, and continued presence in long-term facilities; and

Whereas: the cost-effective, safe, and high-quality healthcare services provided by registered nurses will be an even more important component of supporting access to Racine's healthcare delivery system in the future, especially to meet increasingly complex needs of healthcare consumers in this community; and

Whereas: along with the American Nurses Association (ANA), the Wisconsin Nurses Association (WNA) has declared May as Nurses Month with the theme: "Nurses Month: You Make a Difference" in a nod to their sheer numbers and the unparalleled impact nurses have on health and healthcare; and

Whereas: the ANA and WNA extend an open invitation to #ThankaNurse for enriching our lives and the world we live in.

Now Therefore: I, Cory Mason, Mayor, ask the Racine community to join me in honoring the registered nurses who care for us, and celebrate their accomplishments and efforts during

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and to show appreciation for Racine's registered nurses at every opportunity throughout the year as they continue to care for us and improve our healthcare system.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of the City of Racine, Wisconsin to be affixed this 14th day of May, 2020.

Mayor