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CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

Whereas: Officer John D. Hetland was a veteran member of the Racine Police Department, serving the citizens of the City of Racine for over 24 years; and

Whereas: Officer Hetland was a trusted member of the Racine Police Department serving in numerous positions within the department, including evidence technician, field training officer, and gang unit officer as a member of the Greater Racine FBI Gang Task Force; and

Whereas: Officer Hetland was a decorated member of the Racine Police Department, earning numerous awards throughout his career including multiple Exemplary Officer Awards, Unit Citations, the Award of Excellence and the department's highest award, the Medal of Honor; and

Whereas: Officer Hetland served as Vice President of the Racine Police Association and the Wisconsin Professional Police Association; and

Whereas: Officer Hetland was well-regarded and respected among his peers locally and throughout the State of Wisconsin; and

Whereas: Officer Hetland was a devoted father to his children Hunter and Brooke; and

Whereas: Officer Hetland was the beloved son to his parents Ron and Rachelle, and cherished sibling of his brother Jason and sister Shelly; and

Whereas: On Monday, June 17, 2019, Officer Hetland gave his all, making the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty while protecting the lives of the citizens of Racine.

Now Therefore: I, Cory Mason, the Mayor of Racine Wisconsin, do hereby announce and proclaim to all citizens and set seal hereto, that

***Officer Hetland be Honored and Remembered on
Peace Officers Memorial Day
May 15, 2020***

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Racine to be affixed this 15th day of May, 2020.

Mayor