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CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

Whereas: in 1962 President John F. Kennedy signed the first proclamation recognizing May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day; and

Whereas: all those who wear a badge report for duty with an understanding of the risks and sacrifices they may be called upon to make as they work to enforce laws to keep our community safe; and

Whereas: on Peace Officers Memorial Day we remember the selfless dedication and bravery of peace officers who, through their courageous deeds and loyal devotion to their oath, have lost their lives or have become disabled in the performance of duty; and

Whereas: we especially remember Officer John D. Hetland, a decorated veteran member of the Racine Police Department, who served with distinction for over 24 years and who on June 17, 2019, gave his all, making the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty while protecting the lives of the residents of Racine; and

Whereas: Officer Hetland will be further honored and remembered as his name is added to the Racine County Law Enforcement Memorial on May 11, 2021.

Now Therefore: I, Cory Mason, the Mayor of Racine Wisconsin, do hereby call upon all residents to observe May 15, 2021, as

Peace Officers Memorial Day

and to lower flags to half-staff as directed under Presidential Order in honor of law enforcement personnel who have given their lives in service, and to recognize and pay respect to the survivors of those fallen heroes.

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 3rd day of May, 2021.

Mayor