Proclamation

CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

Whereas: May 5, 2021, marks the fourth anniversary of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) National Awareness Day; and

Whereas: according to the U.S. Department of Justice, Indigenous woman and girls are ten times more likely to be killed or experience sexual assault than the average national murder and assault rates; and

Whereas: according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, murder is the third-to-fifth most prevalent cause of death of Indigenous women under the age of 35; and

Whereas: despite these statistics, an even larger percent of Indigenous women and children experience violence on a yearly basis and or go missing; and

Whereas: there is a clear and present pattern of such cases being overlooked and dismissed by the police and the justice system as evidenced by the fact that, of the thousands of missing persons or murder cases of Indigenous women and girls reported annually, only a few hundred are ever investigated; and

Whereas: the call for justice for MMIWG is increasing at local, national and international levels as Native families, advocates and Indigenous nations continue to draw attention to the urgency of this crisis by holding governments accountable and drawing attention to systemic barriers through federal and local legislation to mandate equitable response in consultation with tribes; and

Whereas: we all have a responsibility to bring awareness to this ongoing epidemic and fight for the safety and equality of Indigenous women and girls.

Now Therefore: I, Cory Mason, the Mayor of Racine Wisconsin, do hereby call upon all residents to observe the 5th day of the month of May as

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Awareness Day

and encourage all residents of the City of Racine to continue to spread awareness for this cause even after the date of recognition has passed.

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.

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Mayor