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CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

Whereas: Children's Mental Health Awareness Day is observed each year to raise awareness about the importance of children's mental health and the significant role mental health plays in overall health and wellness; and

Whereas: addressing the complex mental health needs for youth and families today is fundamental to the future of our community; and

Whereas: one of five Racine area children have a diagnosable mental health issue and suicide is the leading cause of death for Racine youth between the ages of ten and 24; and

Whereas: 53% of Racine youth have reported having a significant issue with anxiety, 36% of Racine youth report feeling sad or hopeless for more than two weeks in a row, and 20% of Racine youth have seriously considered suicide; and

Whereas: Racine is one of ten communities across Wisconsin funded by the *Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin Endowment* which is focused on improving the social and emotional health of students; and

Whereas: mental health stigma needs to be addressed to have open conversations about mental health and how we can compassionately respond and support our community's youth; and

Whereas: the importance of talking about mental health within our Racine families, schools, and community is critically important.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cory Mason, Mayor of the City of Racine, do hereby *recognize May 7th of 2021 as*

Children's Mental Health Awareness Day

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 4th day of May 2021.

Mayor