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## CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

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**Whereas:** in 1979 President Jimmy Carter issued the first presidential proclamation for Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage week, and in 1992 Congress passed a law designating May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month; and

**Whereas:** Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States encompass all of the Asian continent and the Pacific islands of Melanesia (New Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji and the Solomon Islands), Micronesia (Marianas, Guam, Wake Island, Palau, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Nauru and the Federated States of Micronesia) and Polynesia (New Zealand, Hawaiian Islands, Rotuma, Midway Islands, Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, French Polynesia and Easter Island); and

**Whereas:** the Month of May was chosen to commemorate the anniversaries of May 7, 1843, when the first Japanese people immigrated to the U.S.; and May 10, 1860, the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad that was made possible by the labor of workers, the majority who were Chinese immigrants; and

**Whereas:** during Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month we recognize and celebrate the vast contributions to the U.S. economy, culture, education, politics, arts, literature, science and technology, especially in the face of institutional and systemic injustices designed to prevent and limit these achievements and contributions; and

**Whereas:** during the COVID-19 pandemic, members of Asian and Pacific Islander communities have been disproportionately impacted by incidences of hate and discrimination.

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

### ***Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month***

and to recognize and celebrate the culture, heritage, and the significant contributions of Asian/Pacific Americans to our country, state, and city.

**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