

Thereas: in 1973 Congress introduced a resolution designating May 6-12 as National Preservation Week, and it was signed into law by President Richard M. Nixon; and

Whereas: in 2005 the celebration was extended to the entire month of May by the National Trust for Historic Places (NTHP); and

Whereas: led by the NTHP, historical societies and commissions across the nation including the Wisconsin Historical Society, City of Racine Planning, Heritage and Design Commission, and Preservation Racine, work to promote and preserve historic places in our communities; and

Whereas: Public and private initiatives continue to inject renewed energy and excitement in the City of Racine's historical resources; and

Whereas: In the past year, much progress on iconic properties in the City has been made for preservation and redevelopment, including the Ajax project in Uptown, the Historic Horlick District project on Northwestern Avenue, and the former Zahn's Building on Monument Square; and

Whereas: the Commercial Façade Grant program continues to provide assistance for either interior and/or exterior renovation or restoration projects, the majority of which are located in legacy commercial districts, historic districts, or on historic properties; and

Whereas: since 1987 Preservation Racine has celebrated National Preservation and Archaeology month by presenting Century Buildings Certificates to owners in Racine County whose buildings are at least 100 years old; and

Whereas: the City of Racine continues to choose a path that celebrates its historical resources by encouraging where appropriate, and assisting when able, their study, restoration, revitalization and stewardship.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cory Mason, Mayor of the City of Racine, do hereby proclaim the month of May as

Historic Preservation and Archaeology Month

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.

