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## CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

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**Whereas:** June 4<sup>th</sup> marks National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the United State of America; and

**Whereas:** On January 29, 2013 Hadiya Pendleton, a 15-year-old student in Chicago IL, was killed in a park during a shooting; and

**Whereas:** National Gun Violence Awareness Day was inspired and organized by Hadiya Pendleton's friends after Hadiya's death; and

**Whereas:** since this incident, thousands of others have fallen victim to gun violence further proving that gun violence is an epidemic that continually plagues communities throughout the Unites States; and

**Whereas:** the rates of gun violence, whether referring to crimes committed with a gun, deaths: willful, malicious, or accidental – suicides, injuries, mass shootings, and unintentional shootings continue to rise on an annual basis; and

**Whereas:** gun related deaths in 2021 are already up 20% from the numbers observed in 2020; and

**Whereas:** we consistently observe minority communities and people of color being disproportionately effected by gun violence, yearly; and

**Whereas:** protecting public safety in the City of Racine and surrounding communities is of the utmost importance; and

**Whereas:** it is our responsibility as a community to spread awareness for gun violence; and

**Whereas:** on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 the color orange is encouraged to be worn to spread awareness for and to honor victims of gun violence.

**Now Therefore:** I, Cory Mason, Mayor of the City of Racine, proclaim June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## Gun Violence 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2021.

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Mayor