

Proclamation

CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

WHEREAS, Transit Equity Day marks the birthday of civil rights icon Rosa Parks, whose refusal to surrender her seat on a segregated bus became a defining moment in the fight for justice; and

WHEREAS, Transit Equity Day also recognizes her courage to stand against segregation and her lifelong commitment to civil rights and equitable transportation systems; and

WHEREAS, transit equity is a fundamental aspect of democracy, connecting individuals to opportunities, civic engagement, and essential services. Public transit systems play a crucial role in enabling residents to participate fully in their communities; and

WHEREAS, this observance calls on us to ensure that every ride, every route, and every transit decision is made with inclusiveness in mind, recognizing that equitable transportation systems are the lifeblood of vibrant and sustainable communities; and

WHEREAS, equitable access to jobs, education, healthcare, and other essential services strengthens communities and helps reduce social and economic disparities; and

WHEREAS, on Transit Equity Day in the City of Racine, each Ryde bus will reserve one seat to honor and commemorate Rosa Parks, acknowledging that transit remains a fundamental pillar of democracy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cory Mason, Mayor of the City of Racine, do hereby proclaim **February 4, 2026**, as **Transit Equity Day** throughout the City of Racine, and I commend this observance to all our residents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Racine to be affixed.

Accomplished at the City Hall
this 4th day of February 2026.

Mayor