



Proclamation

CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

WHEREAS, migratory birds are among the most visible and cherished wildlife in our community, welcomed each spring as symbols of renewal and contributing to our local and statewide economy through pest control and outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, migratory birds and their habitats are declining throughout the Americas, facing increasing threats along their migration routes and in both their summer and winter homes; and

WHEREAS, this year's World Migratory Bird Day theme — “*Every Bird Counts — Your Observation Matter*” — underscores the essential role of public participation in collecting data that helps scientists understand migratory patterns, identify threats, and protect vital habitats; and

WHEREAS, Racine residents actively contribute to community science through bird counts, habitat monitoring, and local conservation efforts, demonstrating how shared observations strengthen scientific knowledge and support conservation across borders; and

WHEREAS, since 1993, World Migratory Bird Day has focused public attention on the nearly 350 species that travel between our communities and their wintering grounds throughout the Western Hemisphere; and

WHEREAS communities across the nation will celebrate World Migratory Bird Day by gathering in parks, schools, nature centers, and public spaces to learn about birds, take conservation action, and enjoy time outdoors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **Cory Mason**, Mayor of the City of Racine, do hereby proclaim **May 9, 2026**, as **World Migratory Bird Day** in the City of Racine, and I encourage all residents to celebrate this observance and support efforts to protect migratory birds and the habitats they depend on.

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 21st day of April 2026.

Mayor