

Proclamation

CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

WHEREAS, on June 28th, 1969, New York City police raided the Stonewall Inn, a gay club located in Greenwich Village and sparked a riot, leading to six days of protests and violent clashes with law enforcement known as the Stonewall Riots, which later served as the catalyst for the LGBTQIA+ rights movement; and

WHEREAS, since the Stonewall Uprising, the LGBTQIA+ community has achieved significant progress including the “right to marry” equality across the country, state and federal workplace protections, and the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month is a reminder to the world that discrimination and prejudice are still prevalent and the fight for justice and equality is ongoing; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 and 2023, the City of Racine earned a perfect Municipal Equality Index (MEI) score by enhancing hate crime reporting, appointing LGBTQIA+ liaisons, banning conversion therapy, strengthening non-discrimination policies, and expanding healthcare for trans and nonbinary employees.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Cory Mason, Mayor, of the city of Racine proclaim the month of June 2026 Pride Month and I invite everyone to recommit to the ongoing fight for equality, acceptance, and freedom for all.

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 2nd day of June 2026.

Mayor