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CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

WHEREAS, the Hispanic and Latino presence in America spans centuries—long predating Spain’s colonization of what is now the United States—and has remained integral to the building, defense, and cultural evolution of our nation since the Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month was first established in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week and expanded to a month-long observance in 1988 by President Ronald Reagan to honor the rich histories, cultures, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans to our democracy; and

WHEREAS, the celebration begins on September 15, marking the independence anniversaries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua, followed by Mexico’s Independence Day on September 16 and Chile’s on September 18—reflecting a shared legacy of resilience, freedom, and collective determination across Latin America; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 national theme, “**Pioneers of Change: Shaping the Future Together**,” recognizes the innovators, leaders, and visionaries within Hispanic and Latino communities whose courage, creativity, and advocacy continue to shape a more just, supportable, and inclusive future for all; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latino Americans enrich Racine through their roles as businesspeople, educators, artists, public servants, faith leaders, and community advocates. From serving in the U.S. military to advancing movements for equity and justice, they remain powerful changemakers and social stewards whose contributions strengthen the economic, and public fabric of our city.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cory Mason, Mayor of the City of Racine, do hereby proclaim **September 15 through October 15, 2026**, as **Hispanic Heritage Month** in the City of Racine, and encourage all residents to celebrate the vibrant contributions of Hispanic and Latino communities, foster equity, and build lasting alliances that shape a shared and promising future.

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 15th day of September 2026.

Mayor