Proclamation

CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

WHEREAS, safe, accessible streets are essential for the well-being of all residents, including children, older adults, and people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Wisconsinites, including over 100,000 with vision loss, rely on sidewalks, curb ramps, accessible pedestrian signals, white canes, and service animals to navigate public spaces safely; and Wisconsin's White Cane Law requires drivers to stop at least 10 feet from pedestrians using a white cane or service animal, reinforcing the need for driver awareness and pedestrian respect; and

WHEREAS, communities can reduce injuries and save lives by investing in proven pedestrian safety infrastructure such as high-visibility crosswalks, traffic calming, and accessible design; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness of pedestrian rights and responsibilities promotes a culture of safety and inclusion for all road users.

NOW, THEREFORE, I**,** Cory Mason**,** Mayor of the City of Racine, do hereby proclaim October as ***PEDESTRIAN SAFETY MONTH*** and Thursday, October 15, 2026, as ***WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY*** in the city and call on all residents, leaders, and lawmakers to prioritize safe, accessible streets year-round.

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 6th day of October 2026.

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Mayor