Proclamation

CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

WHEREAS, Native Americans have inhabited this continent and region since time immemorial and have contributed significantly to the growth, prosperity, and identity of the state of Wisconsin and the United States from before its inception to the present day; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin is home to 12 Native Nations, including the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Forest County Potawatomi, Ho-Chunk Nation, Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, Oneida Nation, Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Sokaogon Chippewa Community, Mole Lake Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin, Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians, and Brothertown Indian Nation, and has been home to countless Indigenous leaders who have defended the land, protected the water, and championed Native rights, sovereignty, and prosperity for generations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Racine's history is deeply rooted in the legacy of the Potawatomi Nation, who stewarded this land for centuries before being forcibly displaced in 1883. Their enduring presence continues to shape our community's identity and values.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cory Mason, Mayor of the City of Racine, do hereby proclaim the month of **November 2026** as **National Native American and Alaska Native Heritage Month** in the City of Racine and invite all residents to join in recognizing the enduring strength, wisdom, and cultural richness of Native community's past, present, and future.

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

Accomplished at the City Hall
The 20th day of October 2026.

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Mayor