



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, railroad-highway crossing crashes during the year 2017 resulted in 6 fatalities and 10 injuries within the state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, pedestrian trespass incidents on railroad property during the year 2017 resulted in 6 fatalities and 11 injuries in the state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, highway-grade crossing crashes are more severe than highway collisions and are more likely to result in death and injury; and

WHEREAS, collisions at railroad-highway crossings may be prevented by increased public awareness of the dangers at crossings, the dangers of trespassing on railroad property, and the related safety laws, and

WHEREAS, collisions between trains and motor vehicles or pedestrians could have been prevented by increased public awareness of the dangers at crossings and around railroad property and the appropriate safety laws, and

WHEREAS, Operation Lifesaver is a public information and education program dedicated to preventing railroad-highway crossing crashes and pedestrian/railroad trespass incidents; and

WHEREAS, from September 23-29, 2018, and throughout the year, all citizens are encouraged to observe added caution as motorists or pedestrians near tracks or trains, and

WHEREAS, this important observance should lead to greater safety awareness and a reduction in highway-rail grade crossings crashes and pedestrian/railroad incidents;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of September 23-29, 2018 as

Rail Safety Week

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this tenth day of July, 2018.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Julie Hargrett

Secretary of State