



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, highway-grade crossing crashes during the year 2019 resulted in 4 fatalities and another 13 injuries within the state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, pedestrian/railroad trespass incidents on railroad property during the year 2018 resulted in 12 fatalities and another 21 injured in the state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, collisions between trains and motor vehicles or pedestrians 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, Operation Lifesaver is a public information and education program dedicated to preventing highway-rail grade crossing crashes and pedestrian/railroad trespass incidents; and

WHEREAS, on September 21-27, 2020, 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 Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of September 21-27, 2020 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 twentieth day of July, 2020.

Bill Lee

Governor

Joe R. Hargett

Secretary of State