



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, highway-grade crossing crashes during the year 2020 resulted in 3 fatalities and another 15 injuries within the state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, pedestrian/railroad trespass incidents on railroad property during the year 2020 resulted in 22 fatalities and another 15 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, highway-grade crossing crashes are more severe than highway collisions and are more likely to result in death and injury; 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 highway-rail grade crossing crashes and pedestrian/railroad trespass incidents;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of September 20-26, 2021 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 first day of July, 2021.

Bill Lee

Governor

Julie Berg

Secretary of State

