



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, highway-grade crossing crashes during the year 2021 resulted in 4 fatalities and another 8 injured in the state of Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, pedestrian/railroad trespass incidents on railroad property during the year 2021 resulted in 10 fatalities and another 11 injured 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 between trains and motor vehicles or pedestrians can be prevented by increased public awareness of the dangers at crossings and around railroad property, and of 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; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of September 19-25, 2022, 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 nineteenth day of August, 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Lee".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely of the Secretary of State.

Secretary of State

