



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, in 2023 Tennessee experienced 57 highway-rail grade crossing collisions resulting in 8 fatalities and 18 injuries; and

WHEREAS, twenty-eight pedestrian rail trespass incidents (12 fatalities and 16 injuries) on railroad property occurred in Tennessee during 2023; and

WHEREAS, collisions involving trains and motor vehicles or pedestrians could be prevented by increasing 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, this important observance is a time to remember safety measures such as always expect a train on any track at any time, never walk on tracks, be aware that trains cannot stop quickly, and never drive around lowered gates; it's illegal and dangerous;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the state of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim September 23-28, 2024 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 fourteenth day of August 2024.

Bill Lee

Governor

Joe Mangott

Secretary of State