STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; the State of Wisconsin is a leader in supporting safety programs at highway-rail grade crossings; and

WHEREAS; railroad crashes are more severe than highway collisions and are 20 times more likely to result in death and serious injury; and

WHEREAS; statistics from the Federal Railroad Administration indicate the need for greater public awareness about safe driving habits at railroad crossings to save lives and prevent injuries; and

WHEREAS; pedestrians should be aware that railroad tracks are private property and that walking on tracks is both illegal and unsafe; and

WHEREAS; Operation Lifesaver, Inc. is an inter-state public information and education program dedicated to eliminating highway-rail grade crossing crashes and pedestrian incidents; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin Rail Safety Week provides an opportunity for all Wisconsinites to be intentional about observing added caution when approaching highway-rail grade crossings throughout September and in the years to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 22 - 28, 2019, as

WISCONSIN RAIL SAFETY WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our citizens.



Secretary of State

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 18th day of September 2019.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR