



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### OPERATION LIFESAVER MONTH

WHEREAS: Operation Lifesaver is a nonprofit nationwide public education program to help reduce train-vehicle collisions, fatalities, and injuries at highway-rail grade crossings. It also serves to reduce trespassing incidents on railroad tracks and rail property; and

WHEREAS: Many special activities are being scheduled throughout the year, including the new "See Tracks? Think Train" campaign; and

WHEREAS: Many state agencies, businesses, and civic organizations have joined Georgia Operation Lifesaver over the years, and these dedicated volunteers have helped reduce Georgia's highway-rail crossing collisions by over 80 percent at its 8,000 public and private at-grade/level crossings since the program's inception; and

WHEREAS: Free training programs for all first responders, professional truckers, and school bus drivers will continue to be offered as well as safety educational presentations for the general public; and

WHEREAS: In 1974, Georgia was the fourth state to begin an Operation Lifesaver rail safety education program, and is considered a model program for the nation; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia do hereby proclaim May 2016 as OPERATION LIFESAVER MONTH in Georgia and urge all our citizens to drive safely and cautiously when approaching a highway-rail crossing, to obey the law by always yielding to oncoming trains, and to avoid trespassing on railroad tracks and railroad property.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.

*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

CHIEF OF STAFF

