BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

RAIL SAFETY WEEK

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia is a leader in supporting highway-rail grade crossing safety and pedestrian safety programs; and

WHEREAS: In Georgia alone, 103 highway-rail grade crossing crashes during 2020 resulted in 9 fatalities and 32 injuries, and pedestrian/railroad trespass incidents on railroad tracks and property during 2020 resulted in 26 people killed and 16 being injured; 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 the foremost public information and education program dedicated to preventing highway-rail grade crossing crashes and pedestrian/railroad trespass incidents, and Georgia was the fourth state to begin an Operation Lifesaver program in 1974; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 20-26, 2021 as RAIL SAFETY WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 27th day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.

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