



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 27<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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