



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 and pedestrian safety programs; and
- WHEREAS:** Highway-grade crossing crashes during 2018 resulted in eleven fatalities and forty injuries in Georgia alone; and
- WHEREAS:** During 2018, pedestrian/railroad trespass incidents on railroad tracks and property resulted in seventeen deaths and eighteen injuries in our state; and
- WHEREAS:** Highway-grade crossing crashes are often more severe than highway collisions and are more likely to result in death and injury; and
- WHEREAS:** Increased public awareness of the dangers at crossing and around railroad property and knowledge of appropriate safety laws could prevent collisions between trains and motor vehicles; 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:** Georgia was the fourth state to begin an Operation Lifesaver program in 1974 and joins the United States and Canada in recognizing Rail Safety Week; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 22-28, 2019 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 12th day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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