

STATE OF ILLINOIS



Proclamation

WHEREAS, 86 crashes occurred at public highway/rail grade crossings, resulting in 26 personal injuries and 15 fatalities in the state of Illinois during 2018; and,

WHEREAS, 40 trespassing incidents occurred in the state of Illinois during 2018, resulting in the deaths of 22 pedestrians and the injuries of 18 others while trespassing on railroad property rights of way; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois ranks third in the nation in grade crossing fatalities and fifth in trespass fatalities for 2018; and,

WHEREAS, more than 85 percent of crashes at public grade crossings in Illinois occur where active warning devices exist; and,

WHEREAS, educating and informing the public about rail safety, reminding the public that railroad rights of way are private property, enhancing public awareness of the dangers associated with highway/rail grade crossings, ensuring pedestrians and motorists are looking and listening while near railways, and obeying established traffic laws will reduce the number of fatalities and injuries to Illinoisans; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP), partnered with Metra Railroad, CN Railroad and Illinois Operation Lifesaver, and supported by the American Automobile Association, Illinois Commerce Commission, Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois State Police, Illinois Tollway Authority, Illinois Sheriff's Association, Illinois Truck Enforcement Association, Illinois High School and College Driver's Education Association, DuPage Railroad Safety Council, and local and railroad law enforcement, first responders and area railroad companies commitment to partnering together in an effort to educate Illinois residents on all aspects of railroad safety, to enforce applicable state laws, and to support Illinois Rail Safety Week; and,

WHEREAS, the ILACP continues to develop partnerships designed to create a strong, supportive traffic safety culture throughout Illinois to reduce the number of railroad related incidents;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim September 22—28, 2019 as Illinois Rail Safety Week, and encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of rail safety education.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,

this _____ Tenth _____ day of _____ SEPTEMBER _____, in

the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and

_____ NINETEEN _____, and of the State of Illinois,

two hundred and _____ FIRST _____.



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SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker

GOVERNOR