

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

RAIL SAFETY WEEK SEPTEMBER 21-27, 2020

WHEREAS, North Dakota is committed to continued leadership in highway-rail grade crossings, pedestrian safety and trespasser prevention; and

WHEREAS, collisions between trains and motor vehicles or pedestrians can be prevented with appropriate safety laws and increased public awareness of the dangers at crossings and tracks; and

WHEREAS, Operation Lifesaver of the Dakotas is dedicated to preventing highway-rail grade crossing crashes, pedestrian incidents and railroad property trespass incidents through comprehensive public education and outreach campaigns; and

WHEREAS, highway-grade crossing crashes are more severe than highway collisions and are more likely to result in death and injury; and

WHEREAS, highway-grade crossing crashes during the year 2019 totaled 15 and resulted in one person killed and another seven persons injured in the state of North Dakota; and

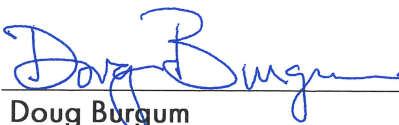
WHEREAS, pedestrian incidents and railroad trespass incidents on railroad property during the year 2019 resulted in two persons killed and one person injured in the state of North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, people in North Dakota are encouraged to take added caution as motorists or pedestrians near tracks or trains; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Rail Safety Week in North Dakota leads to greater safety awareness and a reduction in highway-rail grade crossing crashes and pedestrian/trespass incidents.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
September 21-27, 2020, RAIL SAFETY WEEK in the State of North Dakota.





Doug Burgum

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



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SECRETARY OF STATE