

STATE OF
NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

RAIL SAFETY WEEK
SEPTEMBER 19-25, 2022

WHEREAS, North Dakota is committed to continued leadership in highway-rail grade crossing safety, 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 in 2021 totaled 12 and resulted in one death and another five injured individuals in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, pedestrian incidents and railroad trespass incidents on railroad property in 2021 resulted in two deaths and another three injured individuals in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of North Dakota are encouraged to use added caution as motorists or pedestrians near tracks or trains; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Rail Safety Week is intended to lead 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 19-25, 2022, RAIL SAFETY WEEK in the State of North Dakota.



GOVERNOR
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SECRETARY OF STATE