NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim A. Smith, Governor of the State of North Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 19-25, 2022, RAIL SAFETY WEEK in the State of North Dakota.

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/vehicle trespass incidents;

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WHEREAS, two deaths and another injured individual resulted in 2021, and another individual in North Dakota,

WHEREAS, high-speed roads crossings caused 12 fatalities in 2021, and resulted in 12 and another individual in North Dakota,

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

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

WHEREAS, the danger of crossing public roads can be prevented with pedestrian safety and trespass prevention; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota is committed to continued leadership in highway-rail grade crossing safety,

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