

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AUGUST 18, 2021

RESOLUTION TO PROCLAIM NATIONAL RAIL SAFETY WEEK

Introduced by the Public Safety Committee

Commissioner Barnes moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Lautzenheiser.

WHEREAS, 1,889 rail grade crossing collisions resulted in 678 personal injuries and were responsible for 201 fatalities in the United States during 2020; and

WHEREAS, 1,088 trespassing incidents have occurred in the United States resulting in 532 pedestrians being killed and another 556 injured while trespassing on railroad property rights of way during 2020; and

WHEREAS, educating and informing the public about rail safety, reminding the public that railroad right of ways 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; and

WHEREAS, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, National Operation Lifesaver, United States Department of Transportation, and all local, state, county, and railroad law enforcement officers, first responders, and railroad corporations commit to partnering together in an effort to educate at a national level all aspects of railroad safety, to enforce applicable laws in support of National Rail Safety Week;

THEREFORE, Eaton County Board of Commissioners, proclaims the third week of September of each year, as National Rail Safety Week and encourages all citizens to recognize the importance of rail safety education. Carried unanimously.