

## Proclamation

**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

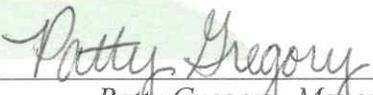
**WHEREAS,** 1,088 trespassing incidents have occurred in the United States resulting in 532 pedestrians being killed and another 556 injured while trespassing on railroad property right of ways during 2020; and

**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.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Patty Gregory, Mayor of the City of Belleville, Illinois do hereby proclaim **September 20<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021**, as **National Rail Safety Week** in the City of Belleville, and I encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of rail safety education.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Belleville to be affixed, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

  
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Patty Gregory, Mayor  
Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021

