

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *See Tracks? Think Train® Week is to be held across the U.S. from September 23 to 29, 2024; and*

WHEREAS, *2,192 rail grade crossing collisions resulted in 765 personal injuries and were responsible for 248 fatalities in the United States during 2023; and*

WHEREAS, *1,378 pedestrian trespassing casualties have occurred in the United States resulting in 663 pedestrians being killed and another 715 injured while trespassing on railroad property rights of way during 2023; and*

WHEREAS, *education 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 avoidable fatalities and injuries caused by incidents involving trains and citizens; and*

WHEREAS, *the International Association of Chiefs of Police, National Operation Lifesaver Inc., 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 See Tracks? Think Train® Week.*

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, Patty Gregory, Mayor of the City of Belleville, Illinois do hereby proclaim September 23rd to 29th, 2024, as National See Tracks? Think Train® Week 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 16th day of September 2024.*

Pride in the Past . . . Promise for the Future

Patty Gregory
Patty Gregory, Mayor
Dated this 16th day of September 2024

