

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *See Tracks? Think Train® Week is to be held across the U.S. from September 15-21, 2025; and*

WHEREAS, *2,252 rail grade crossing collisions resulted in 749 personal injuries and were responsible for 268 fatalities in the United States during 2024; and*

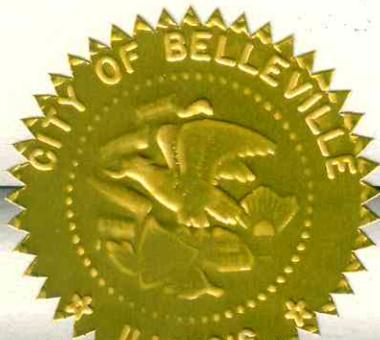
WHEREAS, *1,465 pedestrian trespassing casualties have occurred in the United States, resulting in 821 pedestrians being killed and another 644 injured while trespassing on railroad property right of way during 2024; and*

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 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, Jenny Gain Meyer, Mayor of the City of Belleville, Illinois, do hereby proclaim September 15 - 21, 2025, as National See Tracks? Think Train® 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 15th day of September 2025.*



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JG Meyer", is written over a horizontal line.

Jenny Gain Meyer, Mayor
Dated this 15th day of September 2025