



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Thomas M. Poynton

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTMBER 23-29, 2024 AS RAIL SAFETY WEEK  
IN THE VILLAGE OF LAKE ZURICH**

**WHEREAS**, last year in 2023 there were 2,192 rail crossing collisions, 766 human injuries and 247 tragic fatalities in the United States resulting from unsafe behavior near train tracks; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly every three hours in the United States a person or vehicle is hit by a train and about 84% of public railroad crossing collisions in 2023 occurred where active warning devices have already been installed; and

**WHEREAS**, Illinois is ranked 6<sup>th</sup> as one of the most dangerous states for rail crossings, with 2023 resulting in 18 tragic deaths occurring from train collisions; and

**WHEREAS**, reminding the public that railroad right-of-ways are private property, ensuring that pedestrians and motorists are looking and listening when near railways, and obeying established traffic laws will reduce the number of fatalities and injuries to our fellow Americans.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that I, Mayor Tom Poynton, on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the residents of Lake Zurich, do hereby acknowledge the importance of rail safety and do proclaim September 23-29, 2024 as "Rail Safety Week" in the Village of Lake Zurich and urge all people to recognize the importance of rail safety education.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of this Village to be affixed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Poynton".

Tom Poynton, Mayor

