



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
Thomas M. Poynton

PROCLAMATION

DECLARING SEPTEMBER 23-29, 2018 AS RAIL SAFETY WEEK

WHEREAS, 86 collisions occurred at public highway-rail crossings involving motor vehicles or pedestrians, which resulted in 24 injuries and 21 fatalities in the State of Illinois during 2017; and

WHEREAS, 41 trespassing incidents occurred on railroad property right-of-ways in the State of Illinois during 2017, resulting in the deaths of 15 pedestrians and injuring 26 others; and

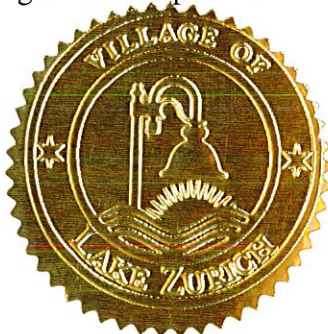
WHEREAS, during 2017 Illinois ranked 2nd in the nation in grade crossing fatalities, 5th in the nation in trespass fatalities, and 8th in the nation in trespasser fatalities; and

WHEREAS, over 67 percent of crashes at public grade crossings occur where active warning devices exist; 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 crossing, ensuring pedestrians and motorists are looking and listening while near railways, and obeying established traffic laws will reduce the number of fatalities and injuries to Illinoisans; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, the Illinois Commerce Commission, Illinois Operation Lifesaver, Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois State Police, Illinois Truck Enforcement Association, all local and railroad law enforcement first responders and area railroad companies commit to partnering together in an effort to educate Illinois residents on all aspects of railroad safety, to enforce applicable state laws and to support Illinois Rail Safety Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tom Poynton, Mayor of the Village of Lake Zurich, do hereby proclaim September 23-29, 2018 as "Rail Safety Week" in the Village of Lake Zurich and urge all the citizens to recognize the importance of rail safety education.



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, appearing to read "Tom Poynton", is written over a horizontal line.

Tom Poynton, Mayor of Lake Zurich

Dated this 17th day of September, 2018