

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, 140 crashes occurred at public highway-rail grade crossings, resulting in 80 personal injuries and 31 fatalities in the State of Illinois during 2015; and,

Whereas, 41 trespassing incidents occurred in the State of Illinois during 2015, resulting in the deaths of 23 pedestrians and injuring 18 others while trespassing on railroad property right of ways; and

Whereas, Illinois ranked second in the nation in grade-crossing fatalities and fifth in trespass fatalities for 2015; and

Whereas, more than 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 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 to Illinoisans; and

Whereas, the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, Illinois Truck Enforcement Association, Illinois State Police, Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois Commerce Commission, Illinois Operation Lifesaver, Illinois Sheriff's Association, Illinois Railroad 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; and

Whereas, this year, the states of Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin will be joining Illinois in implementing Operation Lifesaver, a regional rail safety initiative;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rodney S. Craig, Village President of the Village of Hanover Park, do hereby proclaim

September 11-17, 2016

As

Rail Safety Week

in the Village of Hanover Park, and encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of rail safety education.

Dated this 1st day of September, 2016.



Rodney S. Craig, Village President

Attest:



Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Village Clerk