



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NORTH CAROLINA RAIL SAFETY WEEK

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is a leader in supporting highway-rail grade crossing and pedestrian safety programs; and

WHEREAS, highway-rail grade crossing crashes in North Carolina in 2016 resulted in five people killed and another 19 injured; and

WHEREAS, pedestrian/railroad trespass incidents on railroad property in North Carolina in 2016 resulted in 23 people killed and another 11 injured; and

WHEREAS, highway-grade crossing crashes are more severe than highway collisions, and are more likely to result in death or injury; and

WHEREAS, collisions between trains and motor vehicles or pedestrians can be prevented by increasing public awareness of the dangers at crossings and around railroad property, and the appropriate safety laws; and

WHEREAS, Operation Lifesaver is the foremost public information and education program dedicated to preventing highway-rail grade crossing crashes and pedestrian/railroad trespass incidents; and

WHEREAS, during the week of September 24 – 30, 2017, and throughout the year, the State of North Carolina encourages all citizens to observe added caution as motorists or pedestrians near tracks or trains, and to participate in activities to reduce incidents at crossings and around railroad property; and

WHEREAS, this important observance should lead to greater safety awareness, and reduce highway-rail grade crossings crashes and pedestrian/railroad incidents;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 24 – 30, 2017, as “**NORTH CAROLINA RAIL SAFETY WEEK**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twelfth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.