



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**NORTH CAROLINA RAIL SAFETY WEEK**

**2019**

**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-grade crossing crashes during 2018 resulted in 12 persons killed and another 24 injured in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, pedestrian/railroad trespass incidents on railroad property during the year 2018 resulted in 19 persons killed and another 11 injured in the state of North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, highway-grade crossing crashes are more severe than highway collisions and are more likely to result in death and 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 by properly educating people on 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**, for the duration of this week, and throughout the year, the State of North Carolina encourages people to observe added caution as motorists or pedestrians near tracks or trains, and to participate in activities that help reduce incidents at crossings and around railroad property; and

**WHEREAS**, this important observance should lead to greater safety awareness and a reduction in 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 22 – 28, 2019, as “**NORTH CAROLINA RAIL SAFETY WEEK**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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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 nineteenth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fourth.