



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota is a leader in supporting safety programs at highway/railroad grade crossings; and
- WHEREAS: In addition to incidents reported to the Federal Transit Administration that occurred on light rail lines, preliminary statistics for 2015 from the Federal Railroad Administration have identified 39 highway-rail grade crossing collisions in Minnesota, resulting in four fatalities and 18 injuries; and
- WHEREAS: Such crossing crashes are 20 times more likely to result in death and/or serious injury than highway collisions; and
- WHEREAS: Preliminary statistics for 2015 from the Federal Railroad Administration also have identified three fatalities and four injuries in Minnesota as a result of pedestrian/trespasser incidents on railroad property outside of a legal crossing; and
- WHEREAS: Operation Lifesaver, Inc. is the foremost public information and education program dedicated to eliminating highway/railroad grade crossing crashes and pedestrian/trespasser incidents; and
- WHEREAS: Many crashes can be prevented through increased public awareness of the dangers present at rail crossings and safe driving laws; and
- WHEREAS: All Minnesotans are encouraged to observe added caution when approaching highway/railroad grade crossings in an effort to reduce collisions, deaths, and injuries at highway-rail grade crossings and on railroad property.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2016, as:

SAFE RAIL CROSSING AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



Steve Pimm

SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 26th day of May.

Mark Dayton
GOVERNOR



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