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H. R. No. 250

Representatives Grim, Hoops

A RESOLUTION

Designating Rail Safety Week in Ohio,
September 18-24, 2023.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 135th 1
General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to designate September 18-24, 2
2023, as Rail Safety Week in Ohio; and 3

WHEREAS, In the State of Ohio during 2022, sixty-six highway-rail 4
crossings at grade collisions resulted in ten injuries and four 5
fatalities and twenty-five pedestrian/trespasser incidents on railroad 6
property resulted in ten injuries and fifteen fatalities. Collisions 7
between trains and motor vehicles or pedestrians can be prevented by 8
increased public awareness of the dangers at crossings and around 9
railroad property and of the appropriate safety laws; and 10

WHEREAS, The State of Ohio is a leader in supporting highway-rail 11
grade crossing and pedestrian safety programs. For forty-five years, 12
Ohio Operation Lifesaver has been Ohio's foremost public information 13
and education program dedicated to preventing highway-rail crossing 14
collisions and pedestrian/trespasser incidents; and 15

WHEREAS, During Rail Safety Week, September 18-24, 2023, all 16
citizens are encouraged to observe added caution as motorists or 17
pedestrians around tracks or trains. This important observance helps 18
lead to greater safety awareness and a reduction in highway-rail 19
crossing collisions and pedestrian/trespasser incidents; therefore be 20
it 21

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of 22
the 135th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, 23
designate September 18-24, 2023, as Rail Safety Week in Ohio and 24
encourage all citizens to participate in activities to reduce crossing 25

collisions and pedestrian/trespass incidents during this week and 26
throughout the year; and be it further 27

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit 28
duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to Ohio Operation 29
Lifesaver and to the news media of Ohio. 30