



STATE of MINNESOTA

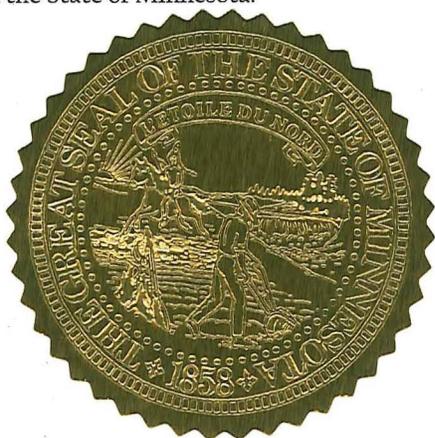
Proclamation

- 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 from the Federal Railroad Administration identify 59 highway-rail grade crossing (public and private) collisions in 2014, resulting in 10 fatalities and 24 injuries in the State of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Such crossing crashes are 20 times more likely to result in death and/or serious injury than highway collisions and many of these crashes could have been prevented by increased public awareness of the crossing dangers and the appropriate driving safety laws; and
- WHEREAS: In addition to incidents reported to the Federal Transit Administration that occurred on light rail lines, preliminary statistics from the Federal Railroad Administration identify 8 Pedestrian/Trespasser incidents occurring during 2014 that resulted in 4 fatalities and 4 injured in the State of Minnesota; 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: On June 3, 2015 and throughout the year following, all citizens are encouraged to observe added caution when approaching highway/railroad grade crossings and this important observance should lead to greater safety awareness and a reduction in 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 2015, as:

SAFE RAIL CROSSING AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



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 25th day of May.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE