

# CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS

## PROCLAMATION NATIONAL RAIL SAFETY WEEK

- WHEREAS,** 2,214 rail grade crossing collisions resulted in 819 personal injuries and were responsible for 270 fatalities in the United States during 2018; and
- WHEREAS,** 1,050 trespassing incidents have occurred in the United States resulting in 571 pedestrians being killed and another 479 injured while trespassing on railroad property rights of way during 2018; and
- WHEREAS,** educating and informing the public about rail safety, reminding the public that railroad right of ways are private property, enhancing public awareness of the dangers associated with highway rail grade crossings, ensuring pedestrians and motorists are looking and listening while near railways, and obeying established traffic laws will reduce the number of fatalities and injuries; and
- WHEREAS,** the International Association of Chiefs of Police, National Operation Lifesaver, United States Department of Transportation, and all local, state, county, and railroad law enforcement officers, first responders, and railroad corporations commit to partnering together in an effort to educate at a national level all aspects of railroad safety, to enforce applicable laws in support of National Rail Safety Week;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary W. Manier, Mayor of the City of Washington, Illinois,** do hereby proclaim the week of September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 as *“National Rail Safety Week”* and encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of rail safety education.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

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Gary W. Manier, Mayor

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Patricia S. Brown, City Clerk