



## *City of Washington, Illinois Proclamation*

### *“National Rail Safety Week”*

**Whereas**, 2,148 rail grade crossing collisions resulted in 658 personal injuries and were responsible for 238 fatalities in the United States during 2021; and

**Whereas**, 1,151 trespassing incidents have occurred in the United States resulting in 528 pedestrians being killed and 623 injured while trespassing on railroad property rights of way during 2021; and

**Whereas**, educating 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 partner together in an effort to promote 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 attest my full support proclaiming September 19th to 25th, 2022, National Rail Safety Week and I encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of rail safety education.

**PROCLAIMED** this 6th day of September, 2022

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Gary W. Manier, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Valeri L Brod, City Clerk