

1           A RESOLUTION declaring August 2024 as Railroad Crossings Safety Awareness  
2 Month in Kentucky.

3           WHEREAS, rail travel is an essential part of our transportation infrastructure,  
4 reducing congestion on the roads and in the skies, and connecting cities and rural  
5 communities; and

6           WHEREAS, projections of the United States Department of Transportation show  
7 substantial increases in rail transport over the next three decades; and

8           WHEREAS, in the United States, due to increased rail traffic, there has been a  
9 correlating increase in railroad crossing accidents involving persons and vehicles; and

10          WHEREAS, the Federal Railroad Administration reported that Kentucky has had  
11 53 highway-rail grade crossing accidents this year, resulting in several injuries and  
12 fatalities; and

13          WHEREAS, collisions between trains and motor vehicles or pedestrians can be  
14 prevented by increased public awareness of the dangers at crossings and around railroad  
15 property; and

16          WHEREAS, Kentucky Operation Lifesaver is a nonprofit public safety and  
17 education and awareness organization dedicated to reducing collisions, fatalities, and  
18 injuries at highway-rail grade crossings and near railroad tracks; and

19          WHEREAS, city, county, and school officials are encouraged to promote public  
20 awareness of rail crossing safety throughout the year; and

21          WHEREAS, city and county governments are encouraged to make every effort to  
22 increase safety by removing vegetation that obstructs the warning signage and the  
23 sightlines of motorists approaching rail crossings; and

24          WHEREAS, during Railroad Crossings Safety Awareness Month in Kentucky all  
25 citizens are encouraged to observe added caution for motorists or pedestrians around  
26 tracks or trains;

27          NOW, THEREFORE,

1 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*  
2 *Kentucky:*

3       ➔Section 1. This honorable body declares August 2024 to be Railroad Crossings  
4 Safety Awareness Month in Kentucky.

5       ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
6 Resolution to Senator Matthew Deneen.