Charter Township of Orion  
Oakland County, Michigan

Proclamation  
National Rail Safety Week  
By the Supervisor of the Charter Township of Orion

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 another 623 injured while trespassing on railroad property right of ways during 2021; 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, Chris Barnett, Supervisor of the Charter Township of Orion, do hereby proclaim September 19-25, 2022 as National Rail Safety Week and I encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of rail safety education.

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