

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING)
THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24-30, 2017)
AS U.S. RAIL SAFETY WEEK)

RESOLUTION NO: R-17-0071

Whereas, Lancaster County recognizes the importance of railroad safety; across the United States a person or vehicle is hit by a train every three hours; and

Whereas, in 2016, 1,104 people in the U.S. were killed or injured in vehicle-train collisions, and another 980 people were killed or injured while walking on or around railroad tracks; and

Whereas, Operation Lifesaver Inc. is a non-profit public safety education and awareness organization dedicated to reducing collisions, fatalities and injuries on railroad tracks and at crossings; and

Whereas, Operation Lifesaver, Inc. is collaborating with a large coalition of safety advocates to promote railroad safety through the observance of U.S. Rail Safety Week during the week of September 24-30, 2017; and

Whereas, the City of Lincoln and Lancaster County have established the Railroad Transportation Safety District (RTSD) for the purpose of increasing public safety on railroad tracks and crossings throughout Lancaster County; and

Whereas, Lancaster County is committed to educating our community about railroad safety, as many accidents on railroad tracks and crossings are preventable, and therefore Lancaster County supports the goals of Operation Lifesaver, Inc and the RTSD.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the week of September 24-30, 2017 as U.S. Rail Safety Week; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lancaster County Board encourages all residents of Lancaster County to educate themselves on railroad safety practices.

DATED this 26th day of September 2017

**BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM
this 26th day of September 2017**

JOE KELLY
County Attorney

