

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Highway-grade crossing crashes during 2018 resulted in 51 collisions, ten fatalities, and 16 non-fatal injuries in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: Pedestrian/railroad trespass incidents on railroad property during 2018 resulted in six people killed and another 33 injured in the State of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: Highway-grade crossing crashes are more severe than highway collisions and are more likely to result in death and injury; and

WHEREAS: Collisions between trains and motor vehicles or pedestrians could be prevented by increased public awareness of the dangers at crossings and around railroad property and the appropriate safety laws; and

WHEREAS: Operation Lifesaver is the foremost public information and education program dedicated to preventing highway/rail-grade crossing crashes and pedestrian/railroad trespass incidents; and

WHEREAS: On September 22<sup>nd</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019, and throughout the year, all citizens are encouraged to observe added caution as motorists or pedestrians near tracks or trains;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim September 22<sup>nd</sup> through September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019, as

**RAIL SAFETY WEEK**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, in the year of our Lord 2019.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



*John Thurston*  
John Thurston, Secretary Of State