

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

**CITY OF**

**DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS**

**WHEREAS,** *National Rail Safety Week, occurring from September 18 to 24, 2023, seeks to enhance public awareness and understanding of rail safety to prevent avoidable fatalities and injuries caused by incidents involving trains and citizens; and*

**WHEREAS,** *2,194 rail grade crossing collisions resulted in 274 fatalities and 803 personal injuries, while 1,208 pedestrian trespassing incidents led to 658 pedestrians killed and 550 injured in the United States during 2022; and*

**WHEREAS,** *all local, state, and county law enforcement officers, first responders, and railroad corporations are committed to working together to promote railroad safety education and enforce applicable laws in support of National Rail Safety Week; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Des Plaines, with 31 rail crossings, holds the distinction of having the highest number of rail crossings per capita among all cities; and*

**WHEREAS,** *the City of Des Plaines encourages its residents to recognize the importance of rail safety education and to know and obey railway signs and signals.*

*Now, therefore, I, ANDREW GOCZKOWSKI, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DES PLAINES, do hereby proclaim the week of September 18<sup>th</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as*

**NATIONAL RAIL SAFETY WEEK**

*Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.*



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*Andrew Goczowski, Mayor*