



RESOLUTION No. 09-18-23-1

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18 – 24, 2023
NATIONAL RAIL SAFETY WEEK**

WHEREAS, 2,194 rail grade crossing collisions resulted in 803 personal injuries and were responsible for 274 fatalities in the United States during 2022; and

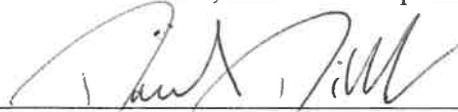
WHEREAS, 1,208 pedestrian trespassing casualties have occurred in the United States resulting in 658 pedestrians being killed and another 550 injured while trespassing on railroad property rights of way during 2022; and

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 crossing, ensuring pedestrians and motorists are looking and listening while near railways, and obeying established traffic laws will reduce the number of avoidable fatalities and injuries caused by incidents involving trains and citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois 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, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees, on behalf of the residents and Village staff, do hereby proclaim September 18-24, 2023 as NATIONAL RAIL SAFETY WEEK through the Village of Hawthorn Woods and encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of rail safety education.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hawthorn Woods, Illinois on September 15, 2023.



Dominick DiMaggio, Mayor



Donna Lobaito, Village Clerk

