



RESOLUTION No. 09-23-24-1

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23 – 29, 2024  
NATIONAL SEE TRACKS? THINK TRAIN WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, See Tracks? Think Train Week is to be held across the U.S. from September 23-29, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, 2,192 rail grade crossing collisions resulted in 765 personal injuries and were responsible for 248 fatalities in the United States during 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, 1,378 pedestrian trespassing casualties have occurred in the United States resulting in 663 pedestrians being killed and another 715 injured while trespassing on railroad property rights of way during 2023; and,

**WHEREAS**, educating and informing the public about rail safety (reminding the public that railroad rights of way 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 avoidable fatalities and injuries caused by incidents involving trains and citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, National Operation Lifesaver, Inc., 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 See Tracks? Think Train Week.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village Board of Trustees, on behalf of the residents and Village staff, do hereby proclaim September 23-29, 2024 as National See Tracks? Think Train 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 23, 2024.

  
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Dominick DiMaggio, Mayor

  
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Donna Lobaito, Village Clerk