

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER)
AS "CALIFORNIA RAIL SAFETY MONTH" AND THE)
WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24-30 AS "NATIONAL RAIL)
SAFETY WEEK"**

RESOLUTION NO. 17-442

WHEREAS, California Operation Lifesaver, the state rail safety education nonprofit, is working in partnership with the national Operation Lifesaver, U.S. Department of Transportation, Amtrak San Joaquins, Amtrak, other rail providers, and local organizations to observe the month of September as California Rail Safety Month, and the first national Rail Safety Week, September 24-30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, The County of Fresno recognizes the significant public safety threat near rail crossings pose to the population of our County; and the County of Fresno has endured multiple loss of life, and that about every three hours in the U.S., a person or vehicle is hit by a train; and

WHEREAS, The County of Fresno and its residents are familiar with local threats and hazards; and its residents need to also recognize the importance of keeping themselves safe near highway-rail grade crossings and railroad rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, During California Rail Safety Month local, State, and Federal agencies will work together to raise awareness across the United States of the need for rail safety education and empower the general public to eliminate, through Education, Enforcement and Engineering, collisions at grade crossings and on privately owned railroad property; and

WHEREAS, The theme for California Rail Safety Month and the U.S. Rail Safety Week 2017 is "See Tracks? Think Train!" with an emphasis on pedestrians and motorists; and

WHEREAS, The County of Fresno will participate in California Rail Safety Month, to end collisions, fatalities and injuries at highway-rail grade crossings and on railroad rights of way in the State of California.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims September as "California Rail Safety Month" and the week of September 24-30 as "National Rail Safety Week"

THE FOREGOING was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 26th day of September, 2017, to-wit:

AYES:	Supervisors, Borgeas, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None



CHAIRMAN, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BERNICE E. SEIDEL
Clerk, Board of Supervisors

By Susan Bishop
Deputy