

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.168

Reps. O'Malley, Cherry, Garza, Hood, Leutheuser, Liberati, Love, Sabo and Wittenberg offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare September 22-28, 2019, as Rail Safety
2 Week in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, The state of Michigan is a leader in supporting
4 highway-rail grade crossing and pedestrian safety programs; and

5 Whereas, Highway-grade crossing crashes during 2018 resulted
6 in 1 person killed and another 15 persons injured in the state of
7 Michigan; and

8 Whereas, Pedestrian/railroad trespass incidents on railroad
9 property during 2018 resulted in 6 persons killed and another 6
10 persons injured in the state of Michigan; and

11 Whereas, Highway-grade crossing crashes are more severe than
12 highway collisions and are more likely to result in death and



1 injury; and

2 Whereas, Collisions between trains and other motor vehicles or
3 pedestrians could have been prevented by increased public awareness
4 of the appropriate safety laws and a greater understanding of the
5 dangers at crossings and around railroad property; and

6 Whereas, Operation Lifesaver is the foremost public
7 information and education program dedicated to preventing highway-
8 rail grade crossing crashes and pedestrian/railroad trespass
9 incidents; and

10 Whereas, On September 22-28, 2019, and throughout the year,
11 all citizens are encouraged to observe added caution as motorists
12 or pedestrians near tracks or trains; and

13 Whereas, This important observance should lead to greater
14 safety awareness and a reduction in highway-rail grade crossing
15 crashes and pedestrian/railroad incidents; now, therefore, be it

16 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
17 this legislative body declare September 22-28, 2019, as Rail Safety
18 Week in the state of Michigan. We encourage all citizens to
19 participate in activities to reduce crossing crashes and
20 pedestrian/railroad trespass incidents during the week and
21 throughout the year.