

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.168

Rep. O'Malley 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  
13 injury; and



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

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

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

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

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