

Proclamation

By the County Executive of Champaign County

- WHEREAS,** See Tracks? Think Train Week is to be held across the U.S. from September 23 through September 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 right of ways 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; and
- NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Steve Summers, Champaign County Executive, do hereby proclaim the week of September 23 through September 29, 2024 as

National See Tracks? Think Train Week 2024

In the County of Champaign, Illinois and I encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of rail safety education

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seals of the Cities of Champaign and Urbana and the County of Champaign to be affixed this 19th day of September, 2024.



Steve Summers, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY EXECUTIVE