PROCLAMATION



Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, Rail Safety Week is to be held across the United States from September 15-21, 2025; and

WHEREAS, every three hours in the United States a vehicle or person is hit by a train and;

WHEREAS, more than 2,300 people are injured or killed annually in railroad crossing and trespass incidents in North America 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, The United States Department of Transportation, and all local, state, county, and railroad law enforcement officers, first responders, and railroad corporations commit to partnering together to educate at a national level all aspects of railroad safety, to enforce applicable laws in support of National Rail Safety Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 15-21, 2025, as

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in Appleton and encourage all residents to recognize the importance of rail safety education.

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Signed and sealed this day of September 2025.

JACOB A. WOODFORD MAYOR OF APPLETON