

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS Rail Safety Week is to be held across Canada from September 18 to 24,

2023;

WHEREAS 232 railway crossing and trespassing incidents occurred in Canada in 2022;

resulting in 66 avoidable fatalities and 43 avoidable serious injuries;

WHEREAS Educating and informing the public about rail safety (reminding the public

that railway rights-of-way 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 cause by incidents involving trains and citizens; and

WHEREAS Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work

with the public, rail industry, governments, police services, media and

others to raise rail safety awareness;

NOW THEREFORE

I, Ken Johnston, Mayor of the City of Red Deer, encourage Red Deerians to participate in rail safety education to help prevent tragedy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the

City of Red Deer, Alberta, to be affixed.

Mayor Ken Johnston City of Red Deer

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