

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 292111

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WHEREAS, in 1998, according to Federal Railroad Administration statistics, 431 people were killed and 1,303 seriously injured in 3,508 highway-rail grade crossing collisions, and 536 people were killed and 513 were injured while trespassing on railroad right-of-way and property; and

WHEREAS, Operation Lifesaver is a non-profit, nationwide public education program dedicated to reducing crashes, injuries and fatalities at intersections where roadways meet railways and along railroad right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, in this state, California Operation Lifesaver [CAOL] strives to increase public awareness about the danger at places where the roadway crosses the train tracks and on railroad right-of-way, and to improve driver and pedestrian behavior at highway-rail intersections by encouraging compliance with traffic laws relating to crossing signs and signals; and

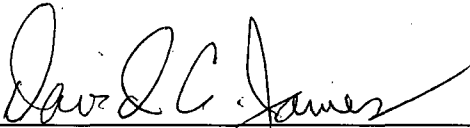
WHEREAS, CAOL emphasizes the enforcement of existing laws, consolidation and closure of redundant highway-rail crossings, and engineering improvements, including installation and upgrading of crossing warning devices and signs; and

WHEREAS, trains cannot stop quickly, in fact, the average freight train traveling at 55 mph needs approximately 5,260 feet or 1 mile stopping distance, and an 8-car passenger train needs 6,000 feet or 1 1/8 miles to stop when traveling 79 mph; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby proclaim Saturday, September 18, 1999, to be

**“Operation Lifesaver Day”** in San Diego, in recognition of the outstanding efforts to educate the public through outreach programs and increase awareness at railroad crossings.

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