

Proclamation

Railroad Safety Month

WHEREAS, Southern California is crossed by hundreds of miles of railroad tracks used by trains to carry goods and passengers locally and across the nation. Rail service is an integral component of our existing transportation network; and

WHEREAS, pedestrians frequently trespass on and along the tracks and disregard crossing signals placing themselves in dangerous and illegal situations; and

WHEREAS, trains operating on the railroads are fast, quiet and frequent, and curves in the tracks limit the ability to see oncoming trains and about every three hours in the United States, a person or vehicle is hit by a train, resulting in severe injury or death, with California leading the nation in railroad injuries and deaths; and

WHEREAS, Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) cares about the safety of pedestrians and motorist and is partnering with California Operation Lifesaver to educate, engineer and enforce rail safety across Riverside County; and

WHEREAS, RCTC has demonstrated its commitment to rail safety since 2014 with a comprehensive campaign of school assemblies, information booths, advertisements, banners, brochures and digital material to promote Operation Lifesaver principles. RCTC is continuing Operation Lifesaver rail safety outreach, with the goal of preventing collisions, deaths and injuries at grade crossings and on railroad property.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER AS “RAILROAD SAFETY MONTH” IN THE CITY OF BEAUMONT AND URGE RESIDENTS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, SCHOOLS, AND INDUSTRY LEADERS TO PRACTICE AND PROMOTE RAILROAD SAFETY AND REMIND EVERYONE TO “SEE TRACKS? THINK TRAIN.”

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk