

Rep. Cole offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 151.**

A resolution to declare September 24-30, 2017, as Rail Safety Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Sixty-eight crashes occurred at public highway-rail grade crossings, resulting in 8 fatalities and 26 injuries in Michigan during 2016; and

Whereas, Twelve trespassing incidents occurred in Michigan during 2016, resulting in the deaths of 9 pedestrians and injuring 6 others while trespassing on railroad property right of ways; and

Whereas, Michigan ranked in the top 10 nationally for highway-rail crossing incidents in 2016; and

Whereas, These incidents are preventable by 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; and

Whereas, Michigan Operation Lifesaver, local and railroad law enforcement officers, first responders, and area railroad companies commit to partnering together in an effort to educate Michigan residents on all aspects of railroad safety; and

Whereas, This year, Michigan will be joining 47 other states in implementing "Operation Lifesaver," a regional rail safety initiative during the Inaugural National Rail Safety Week; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare September 24-30, 2017, as Rail Safety Week in Michigan.