



**MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE
RECOGNIZING RAIL SAFETY WEEK**

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Meridian Municipal Building, in said Township on the 20th day of September, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. local time.

PRESENT: Supervisor Jackson, Clerk Guthrie, Treasurer Deschaine

Trustees Hendrickson, Wilson, Wisinski

ABSENT: Trustee Sundland

The following Resolution was offered by Trustee Hendrickson and supported by Trustee Wisinski.

WHEREAS, 1,889 rail-grade crossing collisions resulted in 678 personal injuries and were responsible for 201 fatalities in the United States during 2020; and,

WHEREAS, 1,088 trespassing incidents have occurred in the United States resulting in 532 pedestrians being killed and another 556 injured while trespassing on railroad property rights of way during 2020; 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 fatalities and injuries; and,

WHEREAS, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, National Operation Lifesaver, United States Department of Transportation, and all local, state, county, and railroad law enforcement officers, first responders, and railroad corporations are committed to partnering together to educate at a national level all aspects of railroad safety in an effort to enforce applicable laws in support of Rail Safety Week,

WHEREAS, the Meridian Township Board is dedicated to improving safety points along the rails within township boundaries which would prevent drivers from being able to go around gates,

WHEREAS, the Meridian Township Board is dedicated to install Z gates at Okemos Rd., Haslett Rd., and Carlton Rd. to increase pedestrian safety,

WHEREAS, Carlton Rd., will have a Z gate installed when the pathway is constructed to increase pedestrian safety,

