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Agenda Submittal

Agenda #:	11	**Status:**	Consent Calendar
Type:	Resolution	**Department:**	Board of Supervisors
File #:	19-743	**Contact:**	Jim Spering, 784-6136
Agenda date:	9/24/2019	**Final action:**	9/24/2019
Title:	Adopt a resolution proclaiming the week of September 22, 2019 as Rail Safety Week in Solano County		
Governing body:	Board of Supervisors		
District:	District 3		
Attachments:	1. A - Resolution, 2. Adopted Resolution, 3. Minute Order		

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
9/24/2019	1	Board of Supervisors		

Published Notice Required? Yes ____ No _X_
Public Hearing Required? Yes ____ No _X_

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

Supervisor Jim Spering requests the Board adopt a resolution proclaiming the week of September 22, 2019 as Rail Safety Week in Solano County in conjunction with US Rail Safety week, and help raise awareness, especially among young people, on how to stay safe near railroad tracks. The theme of this year's campaign is "Stop Track Tragedies".

SUMMARY:

A sad statistic that most people don't know: a person or vehicle is struck by a train every three hours in the United States. Almost all rail-related deaths involve drivers going through a crossing or a person on the tracks. When this tragedy occurs, lives are changed forever-for the people involved in the crash, their family, friends and community, and the train crew members.

In 2018, California was the second in the nation for highway-rail grade crossing collisions with 190. In the last five years, Solano County has averaged one train-related accident per year, and most of them involved a fatality. Fortunately, these accidents are preventable.

This week marks the third annual US Rail Safety Week, a national event coordinated in partnership with the U.S. Department of Transportation and other safety organizations. This year's theme is "Stop Track Tragedies" and the goal of the week is to raise awareness and teach the public how to stay safe near railroad tracks.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The costs associated with preparing the agenda item are nominal and absorbed by the department's FY2019/20 Adopted Budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board may choose not to take this action. This is not recommended as the purpose of this resolution is to raise awareness and prevent accidents near railroads. This type of recognition is in keeping with the values of the Solano County Board of Supervisors.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Coordination with staff from GoRail.