

RESOLUTION No.

.....County, Ohio

Be It Resolved by the Township Trustees ofTownship,

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Adopted theday of 19.....

Attest:
Township Clerk.

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Township Trustees

RESOLUTION NO 12

UNION TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY

A JOINT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING INCREASED EFFORTS BY CITIZENS, LEGISLATORS, AND MUNICIPAL ENTITIES TO HIGHLIGHT THE NEED FOR SAFER RAILROAD CROSSINGS THROUGHOUT BUTLER COUNTY.

WHEREAS; Butler County has the unwanted and ignominious distinction of being tied for the highest number of railroad crossing fatalities in Ohio; and

WHEREAS; various railroad crossings in Butler County have been identified as dangerous because of their lack of active warning devices; and

WHEREAS; recent efforts to heighten the awareness of railroad officials to this ominous concern have fallen on deaf ears; and

WHEREAS; the safe coexistence of vehicular, pedestrian, and railroad traffic is not only desirable and functionally obtainable, but critical; and

WHEREAS; delays in upgrading unsafe railroad crossings is the unacceptable norm, and

WHEREAS; every hour we delay in rectifying these life threatening situations imperils additional motorists, pedestrians and children;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Union Township Trustees in concert with the legislative bodies of the city of Hamilton, the Village of Seven Mile, Butler County, and Fairfield, hereby enact this JOINT RESOLUTION for the following purposes:

SECTION 1. To demand quick review and immediate upgrading and installation of safety equipment at all hazardous crossings in the county.

SECTION 2. To advise the Governor, the General Assembly, the Public Utilities Commission, and the Ohio Department of Transportation of our determination to address these hazardous areas immediately.

SECTION 3. To advise the various rail companies that operate within this county that the carnage we have suffered to exist at these identified crossings must stop, and that we look to them for immediate cooperation.

SECTION 4. That we encourage the legislature to enact strict liability statutes to address the accidents at the previously identified and unimproved high risk crossings.

SECTION 5. That we support the imposition, by means of legislation, of punitive damages against rail companies that do not begin to upgrade crossings within thirty (30) days of their identification as high risk areas.

Adopted the 4th day of October 1988

Attest:

Patricia Williams
Township Clerk

Steph McQuill
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Union Township Trustees