

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is served by 10 freight railroads including four major (Class I) railroads; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's major rail commodities include – coal, sand, stone, gravel, farm products, pulp, paper, lumber or wood products, and much more; and

WHEREAS; each year, Wisconsin's freight railroads move more than 200 million tons of cargo over 3,300 miles of freight rail; and

WHEREAS; the state has preserved about 625 miles of previously abandoned freight rail lines that now operate as short-line and regional freight rail service; and

WHEREAS; rail service provides a low cost transportation alternative for the high volume, lower-value commodities that are essential to many of Wisconsin's industries; and

WHEREAS; rail moves a ton of freight more than 470 miles on just one gallon of fuel, making it an efficient and environmentally friendly way to deliver products; and

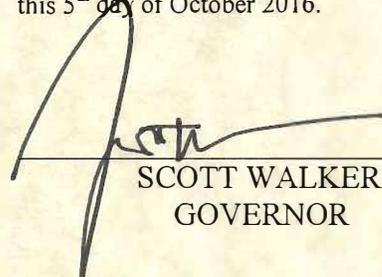
WHEREAS; the Wisconsin railroads are hosting their annual Wisconsin Freight Rail Day in Madison on Wednesday, October 19, 2016;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the state of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 17 – 23, 2016 as

FREIGHT RAIL WEEK

throughout the state of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

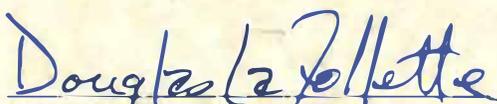
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the city of Madison this 5th day of October 2016.



SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR



By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State