

# 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

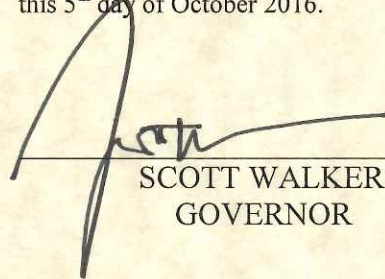
*WHEREAS*; the Wisconsin railroads are hosting their annual Wisconsin Freight Rail Day in Madison on Wednesday, October 19, 2016;

*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 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 2016.



SCOTT WALKER  
GOVERNOR



By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State