

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 16

WHEREAS: Automobile collisions are the most violent and deadly of surface transportation accidents; and

WHEREAS: From 1961 through 1970, there have been 2,810 accidents at rail-highway grade crossings in Minnesota, resulting in 1,654 injuries and 432 fatalities; and

WHEREAS: Immediate action must be taken to prevent such tragedies from continuing through the 1970's; and

WHEREAS: The prevention of these accidents is the responsibility of the federal, state and local governments and private interests;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power invested in me as Governor of the State of Minnesota, it is hereby

ORDERED: That a committee be established to coordinate and organize the federal, state and local governments and private interests for the purpose of reducing the number of rail-highway grade crossing accidents;

IT IS FURTHER:

ORDERED: That this committee shall be named the Governor's Railroad Crossing Safety Committee;

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ORDERED: That this committee shall consist of no more than 25 persons, who shall be interested or knowledgeable in rail-highway matters and who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor;

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ORDERED: That the Director of the Department of Administration of the Public Service Commission shall be Chairman of the Governor's Railroad Crossing Safety Committee;

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IT IS FURTHER:

ORDERED: That the Public Service Commission will furnish staff and other services to this committee.

*Wendell R. Anderson*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

*Arden J. Edahl*  
Secretary of State

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