

RESOLUTION NO. 1999

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATION PERTAINING
TO SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR FREIGHT TRAIN
OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF WYOMING**

WHEREAS, during the 65th Wyoming Legislative Session, House Bill No. 104 (HB-104) was introduced to address concerns regarding safe train operations within the state of Wyoming centered around a movement by some railroad companies to fully-automate trains and no longer operate with any type of crew on board; and

WHEREAS, HB-104 would have required a crew of at least two individuals at all times on any railroad train or light engine used in a class one railroad, as defined by the Federal Surface Transportation Board, in connection with the movement of freight traveling through the State of Wyoming, and would have authorized the levying of fines against any person who willfully violated this two-person crew requirement; and

WHEREAS, HB-104 passed through the House but died in the Senate Transportation Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Douglas has considerable concerns about any unmanned train traveling through the city limits of Douglas and further feel it is not in the best interest of public safety for unmanned trains to become an option for railroad operations.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, WYOMING, that in the interest of public safety, railroad safety, and efficient transportation of goods over the railroad system in and through the corporate limits of Douglas, Wyoming, the Governing Body of the City of Douglas fully supports any legislation that would require the continued presence of a minimum of a two-person crew for the operation of freight trains throughout the state of Wyoming.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of May, 2019.

Rene' Kemper, Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen Rimmer, City Clerk