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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

We are happy to inform you that the Quiet Zone was approved at the Board of County Commission meeting that took place on **Tuesday, June 4, 2019**. As such we are moving forward with the implementation which should take effect as of **Friday, July 5, 2019**. There will be Press conference on Monday, June 10th at 10:00AM

In conjunction with Miami-Dade County's outreach to spread the word about *quiet zone* and more importantly, Rail Safety, here are a few safety tips.

What is a Quiet?

A Quiet Zone is defined as a section of tracks where neither freight nor passenger trains will be required to blow their horns as they approach at grade crossings due to the installation of supplemental safety measures. However, a train engineer may blow the horn if there is an emergency on the tracks, like a trespasser or a vehicle.

With the implementation of quiet zone, commuters and residents round the tracks are strongly encouraged to make smart decisions, like staying off the tracks and not wearing headphones or being distracted.

Operation Lifesaver's top five rail safety tips:

- Look out and listen for trains as you approach ALL railroad crossings - obey all signs, warning lights and gates.
- Trains are quieter and faster than you think - NEVER try to beat a train.
- Because of their size and weight, it can take a mile or more to stop a train.
- Always expect a train on any track; avoid distractions when you approach a crossing.
- Railroad property is private property. Walking on/over the tracks is illegal and dangerous.