WHEREAS, the routine sounding of the locomotive train horn approaching street grade crossings has a negative effect on the quality of life for those persons living near a rail line; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has issued its Train Horn Rule that requires trains to sound their horns within a quarter mile of a street grade crossing unless a Quiet Zone has been established by a public authority; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Quiet Zone is a detailed process that includes providing a Notice of Intent by the public authority, the implementation of appropriate supplemental and/or alternative safety measures at the crossing deemed necessary by a multi-agency diagnostic team, followed by the City issuing the required Notice of Establishment of the Quiet Zone; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to enter into a review of the existing at-grade crossings of Santa Anna Avenue, Barnes Bridge Road, Centerville Road, Gus Thomasson Road, Peavy Road, Mariposa Drive, St. Francis Avenue, and Highland Road and provide the required Notice of Intent for the Quiet Zone.

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to provide the Notice of Intent to establish a Quiet Zone along the Kansas City Southern Railway corridor encompassing nine railroad crossings on the following streets in East Dallas: Santa Anna Avenue, Barnes Bridge Road, Centerville Road, Gus Thomasson Road, Peavy Road, Mariposa Drive, St. Francis Avenue, and Highland Road as provided for in the Federal Railroad Administration's Final Train Horn Rule.

SECTION 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.