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White Cane Safety Day PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, blindness and severe visual impairment affect approximately 100,000 Wisconsin residents; and

WHEREAS, the majority of these persons use travel aids, such as a white cane or a service animal to get around public streets and sidewalks and places of public accommodation; and

WHEREAS, these travel aids are universally recognized as symbols of representing vision loss; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's White Cane Law requires that motorists come to a full stop before approaching closer than 10 feet to a pedestrian using a white cane or service animal; and

WHEREAS, careful driving and fully stopping when pedestrians are in the crosswalk is beneficial to all residents, including children, elders, and people with disabilities; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Shawn Reilly, Mayor of the City of Waukesha, proclaim October 15, 2021 as

White Cane Safety Day

In the City of Waukesha and acknowledge the importance of pedestrian safety year-round.

Signed this 5th day of October 2021

Shawn N. Reilly, Mayor
City of Waukesha

