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**PROCLAMATION**  
**PEDESTRIAN SAFETY MONTH AND WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY**

**WHEREAS**, safe, accessible streets are essential for the well-being of all residents, including children, older adults, and people with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands of Wisconsinites, including over 100,000 with vision loss, rely on sidewalks, curb ramps, accessible pedestrian signals, white canes, and service animals to navigate public spaces safely; and

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's White Cane Law requires drivers to stop at least 10 feet from pedestrians using a white cane or service animal, reinforcing the need for driver awareness and pedestrian respect; and

**WHEREAS**, communities can reduce injuries and save lives by investing in proven pedestrian safety infrastructure such as high-visibility crosswalks, traffic calming, and accessible design; and

**WHEREAS**, raising awareness of pedestrian rights and responsibilities promotes a culture of safety and inclusion for all road users;

**NOW, THEREFORE** I, Shawn Reilly, Mayor of the City of Waukesha, do hereby proclaim October as **PEDESTRIAN SAFETY MONTH** and October 15, 2025 as **WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY** and call on all residents, leaders, and lawmakers to prioritize safe, accessible streets year-round.

Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025

Shawn N. Reilly, Mayor  
City of Waukesha