



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: By joint resolution, approved on October 6, 1964 (Public Law 88-628, as amended), the United States Congress designated October 15 annually as White Cane Safety Day to recognize the contributions of Americans who are blind or visually impaired; and
- WHEREAS: The white cane, which every blind citizen of Minnesota has the right to carry, demonstrates the ability to achieve a full, independent life and the capacity to work productively in competitive employment; and
- WHEREAS: By allowing every blind person to move freely and safely from place to place, the white cane makes it possible for the blind to fully live the lives they want; and
- WHEREAS: There are an estimated 84,000 Minnesotans who are blind or visually impaired, many of whom travel with a white cane; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota law also calls upon employers, both public and private, to be aware of and utilize the employment skills of our blind and visually impaired citizens; and
- WHEREAS: White Cane Safety Awareness Day in Minnesota celebrates the accomplishments of people who are blind or visually impaired and honors the tool of independence that is the white cane.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, October 15, 2021 as:

## WHITE CANE SAFETY AWARENESS DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE

Filed on October 4, 2021  
Office of the Minnesota  
Secretary of State,  
Steve Simon