WHEREAS; safe and accessible streets, sidewalks, and crosswalks are essential for the well-being of all Wisconsinites and visitors to the state alike, including kids, older adults, and individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS; thousands of Wisconsinites, including those living with blindness or severe visual impairment, rely on sidewalks, curb ramps, accessible pedestrian signals, white canes, and service animals to safely navigate public streets, sidewalks, and other places of public accommodation; and

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

WHEREAS; greater awareness of the White Cane Law, careful driving, and fully stopping at stop signs, lights, and pedestrian crossings leads to the enhanced safety of all pedestrians, and reduces the potential for pedestrian injury and fatality; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to upholding the safety of all pedestrians, and encourages Wisconsinites to familiarize themselves with the White Cane Law and exercise caution when driving;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 2026 as

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY MONTH

and October 15, 2026, as

WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 24th day of September 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State