WHEREAS; on October 6, 1964, Congress passed H.R. 753, designating October 15th of each year as White Cane Safety Day; and

WHEREAS; according to the National Federation of the Blind, blindness and severe visual impairment affect approximately 100,000 Wisconsinites across our state; and

WHEREAS; the majority of blind and visually impaired persons use travel aids, such as a white cane or a service animal to get around public spaces, and these travel aids are universally recognized as symbols of independence and freedom; and

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

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin is committed to expanding services that promote the dignity and mobility of all people, regardless of their background, income level, and ability status;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the state of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2019, as

WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY

throughout the state of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our citizens.

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 9th day of October 2019.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS L. FOLLETTE
Secretary of State