STATE *of* WISCONSIN

OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; on October 6, 1964, the United States Congress designated October 15 of each year as White Cane Safety Day, codified in Section 142 of 36 U.S. Code; and

WHEREAS; blindness and severe visual impairment affect approximately 100,000 Wisconsinites across our state; and

WHEREAS; the majority of these individuals use travel aids – such as a white cane or a service animal, universally recognized as symbols of vision loss and independence – to navigate public streets, sidewalks, and other places of public accommodation; and

WHEREAS; careful driving and fully stopping when approaching pedestrians is beneficial to all people, including folks with severe visual impairments; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, we remind all Wisconsinites that our state'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; today, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to expanding services that promote the safety, dignity, and mobility of Wisconsinites of all abilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2020, 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 8th day of October 2020.

Tony Evers

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GOVERNOR

y the Governor:

Douglas La Follette

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State