

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 Title 36 of the 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, 2021, 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State