

# 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 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.

  
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TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
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DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State