

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; according to data from the U.S. Census Bureau, blindness and severe visual impairment affect more than 100,000 Wisconsinites across the State; and

WHEREAS; the majority of these individuals use travel aids, such as a white cane or a service animal, 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 the 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 upholding the White Cane Law, and 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, 2022, 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 7th day of October 2022.


TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State