



A Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Office of the County Executive for Prince George's County, Maryland proudly celebrates National Federation of the Blind on the occasion of its 20th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the white cane, which every blind citizen of our county has the right to carry, symbolizes the ability to achieve a full and independent life and demonstrates the capacity to work productively in competitive employment; and

WHEREAS, by allowing blind individuals to move freely and safely, the white cane enables them to fully participate in society, contribute meaningfully to our community, and live the lives they choose; and

WHEREAS, all citizens should be aware that the law requires motorists and cyclists to exercise appropriate caution when approaching a blind person carrying a white cane; and

WHEREAS, Maryland law encourages employers, both public and private, to recognize the value of blind citizens, utilize their skills, and provide opportunities that reflect their individual worth and productive capacities; and

WHEREAS, through the efforts of public agencies, along with the cooperative support of the Greater Prince George's County Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind, we continue to promote greater acceptance, accessibility, and employment opportunities for blind individuals in the competitive labor market.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, AISHA BRAVEBOY, COUNTY EXECUTIVE FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND do hereby proclaim October 15, 2025, as White Cane Awareness Day, in Prince George's County, Maryland. **FURTHER**, I call upon our schools, colleges, and universities to provide full opportunities for training blind individuals; upon employers and the public to utilize the talents of competent blind persons and create new opportunities in our evolving society; and upon all citizens to recognize the white cane as a vital tool of independence for blind pedestrians on our streets and highways.



Aisha Braveboy
County Executive