



The Office of the Mayor

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the white cane demonstrates and symbolizes the ability to achieve a full and independent life and the capacity to work productively in competitive employment; and,
- WHEREAS,** helping blind people to move freely and safely from place to place, the white cane makes it possible for the blind to fully participate in and contribute to our society, and to live the lives they want; and,
- WHEREAS,** every citizen should be aware that the law requires that motorists and cyclists exercise appropriate caution when approaching a blind person carrying a white cane; and,
- WHEREAS,** Meridian is dedicated to utilizing the skills of our blind citizens to celebrate the abilities and successes achieved in a sighted world and to honor the many contributions being made by the blind and visually impaired; and,
- WHEREAS,** the National Federation of the Blind Treasure Valley Chapter facilitates the expansion of employment opportunities for and greater acceptance of blind persons in the competitive labor market.
- THEREFORE,** I, Mayor Robert E. Simison, hereby proclaim October 15, 2021 to be

White Cane Awareness Day

in the City of Meridian and call upon community to recognize the white cane as a tool of independence for blind pedestrians on our streets and highways and to utilize the available skills of competent blind persons and to open new opportunities for the blind in our rapidly changing society.

Dated this 15th day of October, 2021.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rob Simison", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert E. Simison, Mayor

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