

PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, the white cane, by allowing every blind person to move freely and safely from place to place, makes it possible for the blind to fully participate in and contribute to our society and to live the lives they want; and

WHEREAS, everyone should be aware that the law requires that motorists to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian carrying a white cane; and

WHEREAS, Missouri law also calls upon employers, both public and private, to be aware of and utilize the employment skills of our blind citizens by recognizing their worth as individuals and their productive capacities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri, through its public agencies and with the cooperative assistance of the National Federation of the Blind of Missouri Columbia Chapter, can and should facilitate the expansion of employment opportunities for a greater acceptance of blind persons in the competitive labor market;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara Buffaloe, Mayor of the City of Columbia, Missouri, do hereby proclaim Saturday, October 15, 2022 as

WHITE CANE AWARENESS DAY

in the City of Columbia, Missouri, and call upon our education system to offer full opportunities for training to blind persons, employers and the public to utilize the available skills of competent blind persons and to open new opportunities for the blind in our rapidly changing society, and all residents to recognize the white cane as a tool of independence for blind pedestrians on our streets.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed hereto the seal of the City of Columbia, this 15th day of October, 2022.

Barbara Buffaloe

Barbara Buffaloe, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheela Amin
Sheela Amin, City Clerk