

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF MONTANA

Steve Bullock
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October 15, 2018

Dear Friends:

Please join me in supporting the 54th annual "White Cane Awareness Day" on October 15, 2018 in Montana.

The white cane demonstrates and symbolizes the ability to achieve a full and independent life and the capacity to work productively in competitive employment.

More than just a symbol, the white cane allows every blind person to move freely and safely from place to place. It makes it possible for the blind to fully participate in and contribute to our communities. And, it gives them the ability to live the lives they want.

While the white cane keeps blind people safe, by allowing drivers and other pedestrians to easily see it, it also helps a blind person explore and navigate their environment. For this reason, the emphasis of White Cane Safety Day has shifted over time away from safety, and toward independence and equality. We Montanans recognize the white cane as a tool of independence for our neighbors across this state.

I encourage all Montanans to recognize October 15, 2018 as "White Cane Awareness Day".

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Bullock".

STEVE BULLOCK
Governor