

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the white cane is recognized as a symbol of independence for persons who are blind or visually impaired, and is an extension of its user permitting safer mobility and confidence in daily life; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of South Carolina should be mindful of the responsibility to yield to and protect individuals who rely upon the white cane, and to observe traffic laws and pedestrian safety with special concern for those with visual disabilities; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina law ensures that persons with disabilities be afforded full and equal access to public streets, sidewalks, public buildings, public accommodations, transportation, and other public facilities; and

WHEREAS, every citizen is urged to promote accessibility, maintain safe public walkways, offer assistance when appropriate, and support efforts to increase public awareness of the rights and capabilities of persons who are blind or visually impaired.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry Dargan McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2025, as

WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to show respect for those who carry the white cane, to honor their many achievements, and to reaffirm our commitment to improving access to basic services and opportunities for blind and visually impaired persons.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry D. McMaster".

HENRY DARGAN MCMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA