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P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, the White Cane was introduced by the Lions Club of Peoria, Illinois, on October 15, 1930, as a means of identifying blind pedestrians to the motoring public, and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota, together with the other States of the Union, has enacted a White Cane Law requiring drivers of vehicles to exercise more than usual caution when approaching a pedestrian carrying a white cane or accompanied by a guide dog, and

WHEREAS, the protection of the lives and limbs of blind pedestrians is a major concern to all of us and to all of the blind of the nation, and

WHEREAS, there is a need for public safety education as to the meaning of the White Cane and the necessity for the White Cane Law in order to obtain the maximum safety of blind pedestrians.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karl F. Rolvaag, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the day of October 15, 1965, as

"WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY"

in Minnesota, and call upon all media of public information to familiarize the motoring public with the requirements of the White Cane Laws of the State of Minnesota, and I further call upon the citizens of the State of Minnesota to recognize and respect the White Cane or the guide dog and to exercise all precautions so that our blind citizens may travel our streets and highways in safety.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this thirteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred sixty-five, and of the State, the one hundred eighth.

*Karl F. Rolvaag*  
GOVERNOR

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