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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Tragedy is not always the end of something; it can, with courage and faith, be a beginning. Such is the case in the tragedy of blindness. Blind people have their symbol of courage in the white cane; and

WHEREAS: the white cane is more than an instrument of self-help -- it is a familiar reminder to those who can see that any tragedy can be transcended by faith and self-confidence; and

WHEREAS: It is, therefore, not only the blind who benefit from the white cane, but all men, for it is a symbol of courage and determination that is universal and that speaks to the heart of all mankind; and

WHEREAS: to make our citizens more fully aware of the significance of the white cane, and of the need for the motorist to exercise caution and courtesy when approaching its bearer;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim October 15, 1970, as

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"WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY"

and urge all Minnesotans to observe this day by increasing their understanding of the problems of the blind, learning more about the accomplishments of the blind, and seeking ways in which the blind may add even more than they already have to their own personal fulfillment and to the progress of our state.

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 seventh day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-one, and of the State, the one hundred fourteenth.

Wendell R. Anderson
GOVERNOR

Allen J. Erdahl
SECRETARY OF STATE

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