

Proclamation

- REAS: the white cane, which every blind citizen of our state has the right to carry, demonstrates and symbolizes his ability to achieve a full and independent life, and his capacity to be productively employed; and
- REAS: the white cane, by allowing every blind person to move freely and safely from place to place, makes it possible for him to participate fully in and contribute to our society; and
- REAS: every citizen should be aware that the law requires that motorists exercise appropriate caution when approaching a blind person carrying a white cane; and
- REAS: Minnesota law encourages employers, both public and private, to fully utilize the almost unlimited skill and potential of our blind citizens, while requiring them to hire and promote blind persons on an equal basis with their sighted colleagues; and
- REAS: the State of Minnesota through its public agencies, and with the cooperative assistance of the National Federation of the Blind, can look forward to a continued expansion of employment opportunities and greater acceptance of blind persons in the competitive labor market;

THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim
it, October 15, 1976 as

WHITE CANE DAY

Minnesota, and call upon our schools, colleges, and universities to offer full opportunities 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 citizens to recognize the white cane as an instrument of safety and self-help for blind persons on our streets and highways.

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 first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-six and of the State the one hundred eighteenth.

Wendell R. Anderson

GOVERNOR

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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