



## Proclamation

WHEREAS: 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

WHEREAS: IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF SOCIETY THAT SPECIAL ATTENTION BE GIVEN TO THE NEEDS OF THESE CITIZENS TO INSURE THEIR FULL PARTICIPATION AND CONTRIBUTION TO AMERICAN SOCIETY; AND

WHEREAS: THIS NEW MOBILITY CANNOT BE FULLY REALIZED WITHOUT THE COOPERATION OF FELLOW PEDESTRIANS AND THE WILLINGNESS OF MOTORISTS TO GIVE WAY; AND

WHEREAS: 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERT H. QUIE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 15, 1980 TO BE

### WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY .

IN MINNESOTA, AND HAVE ASKED LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LOU WANGBERG TO PREPARE THIS PROCLAMATION FOR MY SIGNATURE AND DISSEMINATE THE SAME. FURTHER, I URGE ALL CITIZENS TO RECOGNIZE THE WHITE CANE AS AN INSTRUMENT OF SAFETY AND SELF-HELP FOR BLIND PEDESTRIANS ON OUR STREETS AND HIGHWAYS.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE HAVE HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO BE AFFIXED THIS TENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY, AND OF THE STATE THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SECOND.

#33017 *Albert H. Quie*  
GOVERNOR

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