



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: EVERY CITIZEN SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THE LAW REQUIRES THAT MOTORISTS EXERCISE APPROPRIATE CAUTION WHEN APPROACHING A BLIND PERSON CARRYING A WHITE CANE; AND

WHEREAS: MINNESOTA LAW ENCOURAGES EMPLOYERS, BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, TO FULLY UTILIZE THE ALMOST UNLIMITED SKILL AND POTENTIAL OF OUR BLIND CITIZENS; AND

WHEREAS: 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERT H. QUIE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1982 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 CITIZENS TO RECOGNIZE THE WHITE CANE AS AN INSTRUMENT OF SAFETY AND SELF-HELP FOR BLIND PEDESTRIANS ON OUR STREETS AND HIGHWAYS; AND CALL UPON OUR SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, AND UNIVERSITIES TO OFFER FULL OPPORTUNITIES AND 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.

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

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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