



## 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: The white cane, by allowing every blind persons to move freely and safely from place to place, make it possible for him to participate fully in and contribute to our society; 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, while requiring them to hire and promote blind persons on an equal basis with their sighted colleagues; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota, with the cooperative assistance of the National Federation of the Blind, can look forward to the continued expansion of employment opportunities and greater acceptance of blind persons in the competitive labor market;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, October 15, 1983, to be

WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY

*John Anderson*  
in Minnesota. *Rudy Perpich* # 34780

FURTHER, I 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; for all citizens to recognize the white cane as an instrument of safety and self-help for blind pedestrians on our streets and highways.