



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: Every blind citizen of Jacksonville, Florida has the right to carry the white cane. The white cane demonstrates and symbolizes the ability to achieve a full and independent life and the capacity to work productively in competitive employments; and

WHEREAS: The white cane, by allowing every blind person to move freely and safely from place to place, makes it possible for blind people to fully participate in and contribute to our society and to live the lives they deserve; and

WHEREAS: Every citizen should be aware that the law requires motorists and cyclists to exercise appropriate caution when approaching a blind person carrying a white cane; and

WHEREAS: Florida law also calls upon employers, both public and private, to be aware of and utilize the employment skills of our blind citizens by recognizing their experience, skills, and worth as individuals; and

WHEREAS: The City of Jacksonville is committed to promoting greater acceptance of people who are blind in our community and facilitating the expansion of employment opportunities for blind citizens within the competitive labor market.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONNA DEEGAN, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2023 as

WHITE CANE AWARENESS DAY

In Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize the white cane as a tool of independence for blind citizens throughout the community.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 15th Day of Sep. in the year
Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.


MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA