



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

One of our greatest responsibilities as a society is ensuring that all Texans have the opportunity to live active, fruitful lives. By supporting initiatives that promote safe mobility, we can help blind and visually impaired Texans to gain independence.

Texans with visual impairments play invaluable roles in the Lone Star State, and the white cane is an important tool for self-reliance. The use of white canes, service animals, public and private transportation programs and other initiatives has ensured Texans who are blind or visually impaired can travel efficiently and safely, breaking down barriers to success and independence.

In 1964, President Lyndon Johnson, a Texan, proclaimed October 15 to be White Cane Safety Day. In the Lone Star State, we also recognize this day as a time to increase public awareness of mobility and safety issues facing the blind and visually impaired.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to promote the safety and well-being of their fellow Texans. Supporting their efforts to contribute to our workforce and lead full, independent lives will make for a stronger Lone Star State.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2013, to be

White Cane Safety Day

in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
29th day of August, 2013.


Governor of Texas

