



STATE OF TEXAS
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One of our greatest responsibilities as a state is ensuring Texans have equal opportunity to live independently and work toward fulfilling their potential. This is why it is vital to support initiatives that promote safe mobility for Texans who are blind or visually impaired, as these initiatives help to ensure a higher quality of life is accessible to all.

Texans who are blind have and continue to make invaluable contributions to the Lone Star State, and the white cane is an important tool and powerful symbol of self-reliance. It is also crucial for Texans to be aware that the white cane is one of many instruments used to increase mobility. Service animals, public and private transportation programs and other initiatives ensure Texans who are blind or visually impaired can travel efficiently and break down barriers to success and greater individuality.

In 1964, President Lyndon Baines Johnson proclaimed October 15 to be White Cane Safety Day. In the Lone Star State, we also recognize this day as a time to celebrate the independence of Texans who are blind or visually impaired and honor the innumerable roles they play in our great state.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to learn more about blindness and recognize the many ways that Texans who are blind or visually impaired give back to their communities. Supporting the efforts of our fellow Texans makes for a stronger Lone Star State and a better and brighter future for us all.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2018, to be

White Cane Day



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 7th day of September, 2018.

Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas