



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

Our great state is made infinitely stronger when every Texan has the opportunity to live an independent, self-directed life. Safe mobility is a critical piece of independence, which is why, every October, we celebrate White Cane Day. The white cane is an important tool in empowering Texans who are blind or visually impaired to move safely through their communities, and the ability to travel freely is vital to opening more possibilities and achieving greater success.

While the white cane is an invaluable tool in increasing mobility, service animals such as guide dogs, public and private transportation, and many other initiatives are vital in helping Texans who are blind or visually impaired travel and overcome barriers to achieve independence.

President Lyndon B. Johnson first declared October 15th to be White Cane Safety Day in 1964. Since then, Texas has also recognized this date as an opportunity to celebrate the many ways those who are blind or visually impaired make our state a better place to live. These Texans truly showcase the independent spirit of the Lone Star State.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to learn more about blindness and visual impairment and how these challenges do not define the Texans who live with and overcome them. When we all have the opportunity to progress and fulfill our potential, the future of Texas shines brighter.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2020, to be

White Cane Day



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 21st day of September, 2020.


Governor of Texas