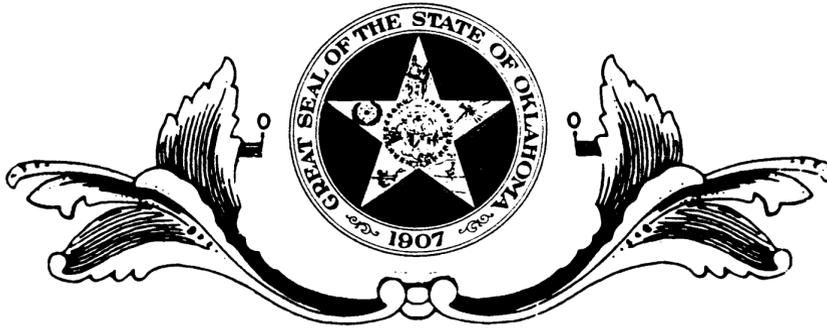


STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, the white cane is used by thousands of legally blind Oklahoma residents to navigate our cities and state and access public places; and

Whereas, with proper training, people using the white cane can enjoy greater mobility and safety by determining the location of curbs, steps, uneven pavement, and other physical obstacles in their path; and

Whereas, the white cane has opened the doors of opportunity to thousands of visually impaired Oklahomans by enabling them to travel freely and independently in their communities; and

Whereas, the white cane is universally recognized as a symbol of blindness and motorists are required by Oklahoma law to exercise appropriate caution when approaching a pedestrian carrying one; and

Whereas, to honor the many achievements of blind and visually impaired people and recognize the white cane's significance in advancing their independence, the United States Congress, by joint resolution approved October 6, 1964, designated October 15 of each year as "White Cane Safety Day";

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2014 as

"White Cane Safety Day"

in the state of Oklahoma and urge all to observe this day by acknowledging the significance of the white cane as a symbol of independence and technology which enables Oklahoma citizens with visual disabilities to participate more fully in the social and economic life of our state.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 25th day of September, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and fourteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and sixth year.

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ATTEST:

Chris Morris
Assistant SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR