

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, the white cane is used by many legally blind and visually impaired Oklahoma residents to assist them in navigating our state and accessing 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 blind Oklahomans by enabling them to travel freely and independently in their communities; and

Whereas, the white has become a universally recognized symbol that alerts drivers to the presence of a blind or visually impaired pedestrian; and

Whereas, Oklahoma law requires drivers to come to a full stop at least 15 feet from a pedestrian using a white cane or dog guide and take such precautions before proceeding as may be necessary to avoid an accident or injury to the person who is wholly or partially blind; and

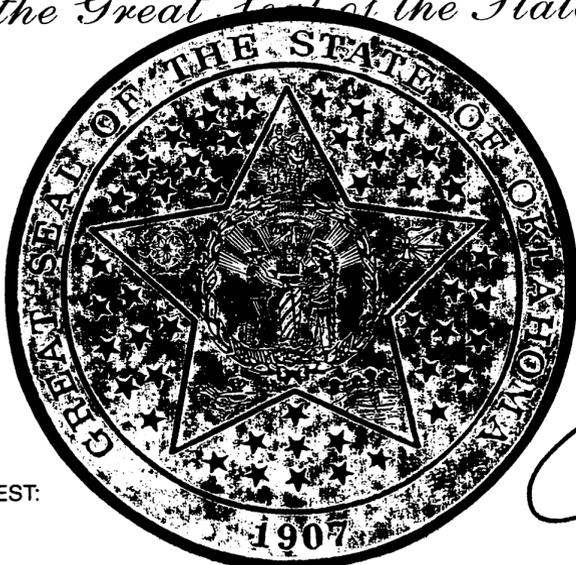
Whereas, it is fitting and proper to honor the many achievements of our blind and visually impaired citizens;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2015, as

“White Cane Safety Day”

in the state of Oklahoma.

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 12th day of October, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and fifteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and seventh year.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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