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# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

**Whereas**, the white cane is used by many legally blind and visually impaired Oklahomans 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 cane 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 guide dog and take precautions necessary to avoid an accident; and

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

**Now, Therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor**, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2016, as

### **"White Cane Safety Day"**

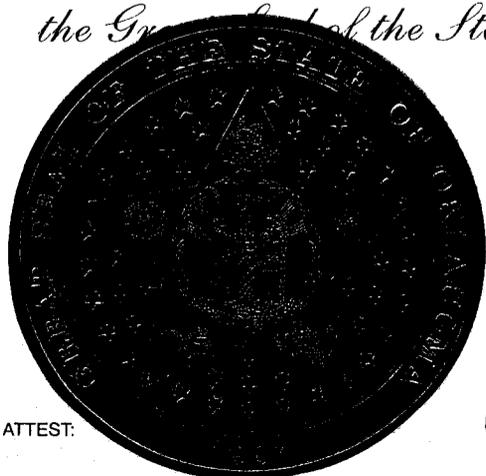
in the state of Oklahoma.

*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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and eighth year.*

*Ch. Benz*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Mary Fallin*  
GOVERNOR



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