

State of North Carolina **ROY COOPER** GOVERNOR

WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY

2021

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the white cane has become a symbol of mobility and independence for people who are blind or have low vision; and

WHEREAS, the white cane is an extension of its user and provides the assurance that the path is clear and safe, permitting greater mobility and independence; and

WHEREAS, for those with sight, the white cane serves as a reminder of their responsibility to help protect the safety of individuals who are blind or visually impaired and of their importance of observing the pedestrian's right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the white cane has become nationally recognized as an important instrument to the independence and safety of persons who are blind or visually impaired;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 14, 2021, as "WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this thirteenth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-sixth.