



STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

For nearly one hundred years, the white cane has served as a functional symbol of independence and self-determination for those with visual impairment, for whom mobility poses unique challenges. The white cane ensures freedom of movement, which improves opportunities for success.

While many Texans with visual impairments or blindness also utilize service animals, the white cane has long been a visual symbol that increases mobility. Although there have been many advances in this cause, there is still much to be done to create a society that fully includes those with visual impairments and blindness.

Each year, a day in October is designated as White Cane Safety Day to raise awareness of people who are blind or visually impaired. Their independent spirit and resilience represent the best of Texas, and their contributions to their communities are equally noteworthy.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to learn more about blindness and visual impairment and how these challenges do not define Texans. As we strive to bring about a better, brighter future, all Texans will have a role to play—regardless of their ability status.


Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2023, to be

## White Cane Day



in Texas and urge all Texans to observe the occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature this 7th day of October, 2023.

  
Governor of Texas