

Proclamation

In Observance of
White Cane Safety Day
October 15, 2016

- WHEREAS,** on October 6, 1964, a joint resolution of Congress, HR 753, was signed into law authorizing the President of the United States to proclaim October 15 of each year as “White Cane Safety Day;” and
- WHEREAS,** since blindness is still frequently misunderstood, a public education campaign, Meet the Blind Month, was developed to create opportunities for people to learn firsthand that individuals who are blind or visually impaired are like everyone else; and
- WHEREAS,** the white cane symbolizes the ability of every blind or visually impaired citizen of this city to achieve a full and independent life; and
- WHEREAS,** the white cane allows every blind or visually impaired person to move freely and safely from place to place and without it such travel would be difficult and dangerous; and
- WHEREAS,** the white cane serves as a tangible reminder that those who are blind or visually impaired are self-sufficient, mobile and capable of participating in the life of their communities and contributing to the success of our society; and
- WHEREAS,** on Friday, October 14, 2016, the Greater Broward Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind will observe “**White Cane Safety Day**” at the Broward County Main Library and will hold its annual walk across Broward Boulevard to reinforce that the rights of the blind are the same as the rights of the able-bodied as to the full and free use of the streets, highways, sidewalks, walkways, public buildings, public facilities, and other public places.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim **October 15, 2016** as:

White Cane Safety Day

in the city of Fort Lauderdale and do urge our citizens to be fully aware of the meaning of the white cane and urge all motorists in our city to exercise special care for the blind persons who carry it.

DATED this, the 14th day of October 2016.




Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler

