

# PROCLAMATION

of

## The City of Wichita, Kansas Founded in 1870

**WHEREAS**, the white cane, which every blind citizen of our state/city has the right to carry, demonstrates and symbolizes the ability to achieve a full and independent life and the capacity to work productively in competitive employment; and

**WHEREAS**, the white cane, by allowing every blind person to move freely and safely from place to place, makes it possible for the blind to fully participate in and contribute to our society and to live the lives they want; and

**WHEREAS**, every citizen should be aware that the law requires that motorists and cyclists exercise appropriate caution when approaching a blind person carrying a white cane; and

**WHEREAS**, Kansas law also calls upon employers, both public and private, to be aware of and utilize the employment skills of our blind citizens by recognizing their worth as individuals and their productive capacities; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Kansas, through its public agencies and with the cooperative assistance of Envision, can and should facilitate the expansion of employment opportunities for and greater acceptance of blind persons in the competitive labor market:

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Brandon Whipple, Mayor of the City of Wichita, Kansas, along with the Wichita City Council do hereby proclaim October 15, 2022 as

## White Cane Awareness Day

In the City of Wichita and encourage all citizens to recognize the white cane as an important safety tool of independence and opportunity for pedestrians who are blind or visually impaired on our streets and highways.

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Brandon Whipple, Mayor

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Date