



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: There are an estimated 63,000 Minnesotans who are blind or visually impaired, many of whom travel with white canes; and
- WHEREAS: The need for orientation and mobility services and white cane safety awareness will continue to grow, and remain vital to the educational, vocational, and recreational needs of all Minnesotans who are blind or visually impaired; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) and Minnesota public schools support educational outcomes for all children; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota State Academy for the Blind (MSAB) has served children and youth from birth to age 21 who are blind or visually impaired since 1866; and
- WHEREAS: MSAB is a statewide public school with a residential component, and provides services to students from all regions of the state who often have additional disabilities; and
- WHEREAS: MSAB works in collaboration with Blindness: Learning in New Dimensions, Inc. (BLIND, Inc.), a nonprofit adjustment to blindness training center that offers training for adults, children, teenagers and seniors; and
- WHEREAS: By joint resolution approved on October 6, 1964, the United States Congress designated October 15 of each year as White Cane Safety Day, recognizing the contributions of Americans who are blind or visually impaired; and
- WHEREAS: MDE, MSAB, BLIND, Inc. and Lions Clubs from around the state, in recognition of the 54<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Public Law 88-628 White Cane Safety Day, will hold a statewide White Cane Safety Awareness Day event on Thursday, October 11, 2018 at the Minnesota State Capitol Rotunda.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, October 11, 2018, as:

## WHITE CANE SAFETY AWARENESS DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE