



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: By joint resolution approved on October 6, 1964 (Public Law 88-628, as amended), the United States Congress designated October 15 of each year as White Cane Safety Day, to recognize the contributions of Americans who are blind or visually impaired; and

WHEREAS: On Monday, October 15, 2012, the Minnesota Department of Education, Minnesota State Academy for the Blind, and Minnesota State Academy for the Blind Foundation, in recognition of the 48th anniversary of White Cane Safety Day, will hold a statewide White Cane Safety Awareness Day event ; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota State Academy for the Blind (MSAB), which has served children and youth who are blind or visually impaired since 1866, will be the site of White Cane Safety Awareness Day 2012. For over 140 years, MSAB has provided educational services to students who range in age from birth to twenty-one; and

WHEREAS: There are an estimated 63,000 Minnesotans who are blind or visually impaired, many of whom travel with a white cane; 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2012 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 11th day of October.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE