

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 15, 2021 AS WHITE CANE AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, the United States Congress adopted a joint resolution in 1964 designating October 15 of each year as White Cane Awareness Day and recognizing that white canes enable blind people to travel safely and independently; and

WHEREAS, the white cane, which every blind citizen of the City of Colorado Springs 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, Colorado 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.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:**

Section 1. That City Council hereby recognizes October 15, 2021 as White Cane Awareness Day and do call upon our schools, colleges, and universities to offer full opportunities for training to blind persons; upon employers and the public to utilize the available skills of competent blind persons and to open new opportunities for the blind in our rapidly changing society; and upon all citizens to recognize the white cane as a tool of independence for blind pedestrians on our streets and highways.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 12th day of October, 2021.

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Council President

ATTEST:

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Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk