

STATE OF OREGON  
**PROCLAMATION**  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Blindness or visual impairment affects persons from infancy through advanced years; and
- WHEREAS:** People who are blind or visually impaired enjoy all of the rights, benefits, and privileges of living, working, playing, and traveling in this great State of Oregon; and
- WHEREAS:** White canes and guide dogs are tools that people who are blind or visually impaired use to identify themselves and to travel independently while enjoying these rights, benefits, and privileges; and
- WHEREAS:** People of all ages who are blind or visually impaired have the right to travel safely while conducting their business and daily acts of living; and
- WHEREAS:** October 15<sup>th</sup> has been designated as a day of education and celebration of the advent of white canes and guide dogs for independent and safe travel; and
- WHEREAS:** This great State of Oregon calls upon public officials, members of civic organizations, and all Oregonians to join together as we work to ensure the benefits and privileges of life in our state are available to persons who are blind or visually impaired.

**NOW,**

**THEREFORE:** I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **October 15, 2021** to be

**OREGON WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY**

In Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, September 27, 2021.



*Kate Brown*

Kate Brown, Governor

*Shemia Fagan*

Shemia Fagan, Secretary of State