



Proclamation

In Recognition of

White Cane Safety Day

WHEREAS, "White Cane Safety Day" is a national observance in the United States; on October 6, 1964, a joint resolution of the United States Congress was signed into law that authorized President Lyndon B. Johnson to proclaim October 15 of each year as "White Cane Safety Day"; and

WHEREAS, "White Cane Safety Day" was also named "Blind Americans Equality Day" by President Barack Obama on October 15, 2011, calling upon Americans to observe and uphold ceremonies, activities, and programs in recognition of blind or visually impaired Americans; and

WHEREAS, "White Cane Safety Day" reminds the public that the State of Hawaii's Department of Human Services' Ho'opono Services for the Blind provides specialized services to over 500 blind and visually impaired citizens of the more than 2,800 blind and visually impaired individuals listed on the state's blind registry; and

WHEREAS, White Cane Safety Walks raise public awareness of the white cane and the importance of the white cane to the independence and mobility of our blind and visually impaired 'ohana; and

WHEREAS, "White Cane Safety Day" in Hawaii will be recognized with the 24th White Cane Walk on O'ahu, as well as similar White Cane Walks on Kauai, Hilo and Kona; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Department of Human Services, Ho'opono Services for the Blind will be holding its annual White Cane Safety Awareness Day Walk on October 21, 2016 through downtown Honolulu;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawaii, do hereby proclaim October 21, 2016 as

"WHITE CANE SAFETY AWARENESS DAY"

in Hawaii, and urge the people of the Aloha State support the Hawaii State Department of Human Services, Ho'opono Services for the Blind and its efforts to increase awareness about the white cane and its importance in assisting our blind and visually impaired citizens travel safely in our community.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, in Honolulu, State of Hawaii, on this third day of October 2016.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawaii

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawaii