



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the white cane provides the blind and visually impaired with a means of mobility that increases self-reliance and independence, allowing them to pursue more productive lives; and

WHEREAS, persons with disabilities are a part of the community and should have privileges to safe and functional use of the streets, highways, sidewalks, walkways, public buildings and facilities; places of leisure and amusement; and other public places to which the public is invited; and

WHEREAS, Alabama law also includes persons who use dog guides, giving such persons the privilege to safe and functional use of public facilities, and other places to which the public is invited; and

WHEREAS, a joint resolution of Congress established October 15th each year as White Cane Safety Day to provide education and public awareness of the importance of the white cane and the White Cane Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 29, 2018, as

White Cane Day

in the State of Alabama. I encourage the citizens of Alabama to be aware of the White Cane Law and their responsibility in upholding it; to be aware that persons with disabilities have much to offer; and to recognize that the white cane is a tool of safety and independence for persons who are blind and visually impaired.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 5th day of September 2018.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor