



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

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

*WHEREAS*, a joint resolution of the U.S. Congress established October 15<sup>th</sup> 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 October 15, 2023, as

## White Cane Safety Day

in the state of Alabama.



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 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

*Kay Ivey*

Kay Ivey, Governor