



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the white cane, utilized by individuals who are blind and visually impaired, 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 blind and visually impaired people to move freely and safely from place to place, makes it possible for the blind to fully participate in and contribute to society and to live the lives they want; and

WHEREAS, every citizen of Alabama 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, Alabama law also extends such protections to those who use trained guide dogs to exercise their right to safe and functional use of public facilities and other places to which the public is invited; and

WHEREAS, the state of Alabama calls upon employers, both public and private, to be aware of and utilize the employment skills of our blind and visually impaired citizens by recognizing their worth as individuals and their productive capacities; and

WHEREAS, the state of Alabama, through its public agencies, community and nonprofit organizations, and the private sector, can and should facilitate the expansion of employment opportunities for and greater acceptance of blind and visually impaired persons in the competitive labor market; and

WHEREAS, a joint resolution of the U.S. Congress in 1964 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 October 15, 2026, as

White Cane 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 8th day of October 2026.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor