



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

WHITE CANE AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS:** The white cane, which every blind citizen of Georgia has the right to carry, demonstrates and symbolizes the ability to achieve a full and independent life and the capacity to work in productive employment; and
- WHEREAS:** The white cane, by allowing every blind person to move freely and safely from place to place, makes it possible for the blind to fully participate in and contribute to our society and to live the lives they want; and
- WHEREAS:** Every citizen 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:** The State of Georgia calls upon employers, both public and private, to be aware of and utilize the employment skills of our blind citizens by recognizing their worth as individuals and their productive capabilities; and
- WHEREAS:** During White Cane Awareness Day, the State of Georgia, with the assistance of organizations such as the Blinded Veterans Association's Georgia Regional Group, encourages greater acceptance of blind persons in the competitive labor market and our everyday society; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2021 as WHITE CANE AWARENESS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 10th day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF