

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY OCTOBER 15, 2023

WHEREAS, a white cane or dog guide is commonly recognized and identified as a mobility aid that people who are blind or have low vision rely on to travel independently; and

WHEREAS, White Cane Safety Day originated through approval of a joint resolution by Congress on October 6, 1964 (Public Law 88-628, as amended), which designated October 15 of each year as White Cane Safety Day; and

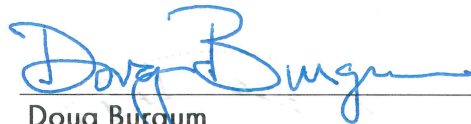
WHEREAS, White Cane Safety Day is an important reminder to our motoring public that North Dakota traffic statutes require drivers of motor vehicles to yield the right-of-way to individuals utilizing a visible white cane or a dog guide; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota Vision Services and the North Dakota School for the Blind provide a full range of services, including statewide leadership, center-based programming and regionalized outreach services, to meet the needs of our blind and visually impaired citizens and their families; and

WHEREAS, chartered as an independent nonprofit in 1936, North Dakota Association of the Blind strongly advocates for our visually impaired citizens, for observance of our state's white cane safety laws and for provision of rehabilitation white cane training for people with sight loss so they can travel independently with confidence wherever they need to go in their daily lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
October 15, 2023, **WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY** in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE