

Office of the Mayor

CITY OF BELLE ISLE



Proclamation

Declaring October 15, 2021 as “Blind Americans Equality Day” in the Orlando Metropolitan Area

Whereas, by joint resolution approved on October 6, 1964 (Public Law 88-628, as amended), Congress designated October 15 of each year as “White Cane Safety Day” to recognize the contributions of Americans who are blind or have impaired vision; and

Whereas, it is important that all residents in the Orlando Metropolitan Area who are blind or visually impaired have the opportunity to live active, independent lives; and

Whereas, more than 32,000 residents in Central Florida are blind or visually impaired; and

Whereas, for Floridians who are blind or visually impaired, the white cane is an important tool for self-reliance and full participation and inclusion in our society; and

Whereas, the use of white canes, dog guides, and public and private transportation programs has ensured Floridians who are blind or visually impaired can travel efficiently and safely, breaking down barriers to success and independence; and

Whereas, in 2011 “White Cane Safety Day” was renamed “Blind Americans Equality Day” by President Barack Obama; and

Whereas, this proclamation called upon public officials, business and community leaders, educators, librarians, and Americans across the country to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs to celebrate and recognize the accomplishments and contributions of blind and visually impaired Americans; and

Whereas, we recommit to forging ahead with the work of perfecting our Union and ensuring we remain a Nation where all people, including those living with disabilities, have every opportunity to achieve their dreams.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Belle Isle City Council that October 15, 2021 is designated as

“Blind Americans Equality Day”

Passed and duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City of Belle Isle City Council on this 5th day of October 2021.

The undersigned duly qualified serving as Mayor of the City of Belle Isle City Council certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Proclamation adopted at a legally convened meeting of the City of Belle Isle City Council.

ATTEST

Yolanda Quiceno, City Clerk

Honorable Nicholas Fouraker