



**CITY OF BUCHANAN
PROCLAMATION
WHITE CANE AWARENESS WEEK
May 2–10, 2026**

WHEREAS, individuals who are blind or visually impaired contribute meaningfully to the social, economic, and civic life of our community; and

WHEREAS, the white cane is a symbol of independence, confidence, and self-reliance for people who are blind or visually impaired, enabling safe and independent travel; and

WHEREAS, White Cane Awareness Week serves to educate the public about the rights, abilities, and needs of individuals who are blind or visually impaired, and to promote understanding and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, the Lions Club has a long-standing commitment to supporting vision care, preventing blindness, and advocating for individuals who are blind or visually impaired; and

WHEREAS, the Buchanan-Galien Lions Club has requested that the City recognize White Cane Awareness Week to help raise awareness and encourage community support; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize and uphold laws that ensure the safety and rights of pedestrians who use white canes or guide dogs; and

WHEREAS, increasing awareness helps foster a more inclusive community where all residents can navigate public spaces safely and with dignity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Weedon, Mayor of the City of Buchanan, Michigan, do hereby proclaim May 2 through May 10, 2026, as **WHITE CANE AWARENESS WEEK** in the City of Buchanan, and encourage all residents to recognize the importance of accessibility, to respect the rights of individuals who are blind or visually impaired, and to support the efforts of the Buchanan-Galien Lions Club in promoting safety, awareness, and inclusion throughout our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Buchanan to be affixed this 13 day of April, 2026.

Mark Weedon, Mayor

Attest:

Kalla Langston Weiss, City Clerk