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Request a Proclamation Form

Proclamation Request

All requests for proclamations should be submitted to this office at least three weeks in advance for consideration. If you have any questions or need assistance please contact the City Manager's Office at 262.473.0104.

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Date Proclamation is Needed	10/15/2024
Date to be Proclaimed	10/15/2024
Name	White Cane Safety Day
Organization	Wisconsin Council of the Blind & Visually Impaired

Background Information on the person or organization and supporting materials, such as event details. Please be as specific as possible.

Dear City Manager John Weidl,

October is Pedestrian Safety Month, and for the 60th straight year, October 15 is being recognized nationally as White Cane Safety Day. The Wisconsin Council of the Blind and Visually Impaired would like to request the city of Whitewater issue a proclamation recognizing October 15th as White Cane Safety Day at an upcoming Common Council meeting.

Our mission at Wisconsin Council of the Blind & Visually Impaired is to promote the dignity and empowerment of the people of Wisconsin who live with vision loss through advocacy, education, and vision services.

Nearly a third of Wisconsin residents are nondrivers and thousands of state residents living with vision loss use a white cane for mobility and safe travel. Wisconsin law helps protect white cane users by requiring motorists to yield to them.

Wisconsin's White Cane Law, Statute N. 346.26(1) states:

“An operator of a vehicle shall stop the vehicle before approaching closer than 10 feet to a pedestrian who is carrying a cane or walking stick which is white in color or white trimmed with red and which is held in an extended or raised position or who is using a dog guide and You don't often get email from mayor@ci.beaverdam.wi.gov. Learn why this is important shall take such precautions as may be necessary to avoid accident or injury to the pedestrian.”

Last year, leaders in 34 Wisconsin municipalities and Gov. Evers issued proclamations recognizing October 15 as White Cane Safety Day, raising awareness of the state's White Cane Law and honoring its role in promoting the safety of all pedestrians.

This year, we encourage you to issue an official proclamation in Whitewater. A Sample proclamation template along with additional White Cane Safety Day information is available at: WCBlind.org/events/white-cane-safetyday/. You can also ensure your community projects include these key pedestrian safety features. <https://WCBlind.org/PedSafety>

Please reply or contact us at Info@WCBlind.org to let us know if you will be issuing a proclamation this year. We encourage you to invite a representative from your community to accept a 2024 proclamation in person or virtually. If you do not have a resident to present the proclamation to, we would be honored to display a mailed proclamation at our office. Our address is: Wisconsin Council of Blind & Visually Impaired 754 Williamson St. Madison, WI 53703. We'd appreciate receiving it by 10/15 if possible.

We invite you to join us in building communities that are safer and more welcoming for all residents. Thank you in advance for promoting pedestrian safety in your municipality and helping raise awareness of Wisconsin's White Cane Law.

I would like to thank you for your consideration in advance and hope to hear from you soon.
