



City of
WHITEWATER
PROCLAMATION

White Cane Safety Day October 15, 2024

WHEREAS, blindness and severe visual impairment affect approximately 100,000 Wisconsin residents; and

WHEREAS, the majority of these people use travel aids, such as a white cane or a service animal to get around public streets and sidewalks and places of public accommodation; and

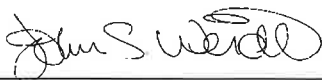
WHEREAS, these travel aids are universally recognized as symbols representing vision loss; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's White Cane Law requires that motorists come to a full stop before approaching closer than 10 feet to a pedestrian who is using a white cane or service animal; and

WHEREAS, greater awareness of the White Cane Law leads to safer, more attentive driving in general, enhancing the safety of all pedestrians, including children, elders and people with disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, I, Interim City Manager John Weidl, on behalf of the residents of the City of Whitewater, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, October 15, 2024 as **White Cane Safety Day** in Whitewater and also acknowledge the importance of pedestrian safety year-round.

Dated this 3rd day of October, 2024.



John S. Weidl, City Manager