

Avondale

PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL WHITE CANE AWARENESS DAY

Whereas, National White Cane Safety Day is recognized each year on October 15 to celebrate the achievements of individuals who are blind or visually impaired, and to acknowledge the white cane as a vital tool that promotes independence and safety; and

Whereas, the white cane serves as a symbol of strength, mobility, and empowerment, enabling individuals with vision loss to navigate their communities with confidence and autonomy; and

Whereas, every citizen should be aware that the law requires motorists and cyclists to exercise appropriate caution when approaching a blind person carrying a white cane; and

Whereas, the law also calls upon employers, both public and private, to recognize and utilize the employment skills of blind citizens by acknowledging their worth as individuals and their productive capacities; and

Whereas, public agencies can and should facilitate the expansion of employment opportunities for, and greater acceptance of, blind persons in the competitive labor market; and

Whereas, inclusive communities are strengthened by recognizing and addressing the diverse needs of all individuals, including those who are blind or visually impaired, and by fostering an environment of accessibility, equity, and respect; and


Whereas, White Cane Safety Day serves not only as a day of celebration, but also as a call to action for communities, organizations, and policymakers to continue removing barriers and ensuring full inclusion and opportunity for all residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, on behalf of the Avondale City Council, the City of Avondale, Arizona, hereby proclaims October 15th as White Cane Safety Day.

Proclaimed this 15th day of October 2025.



Mayor

Attest: 
City Clerk