

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Salem recognizes that everyone has the right to equality, opportunity, independence, and freedom; and

WHEREAS, we also recognize that those in our community who are blind or otherwise disabled have the same rights as they pursue employment and full participation in the economic and social life; and

WHEREAS, we understand that the white cane is not only a tool used by those who are blind to travel independently and safely, but is also a symbol of their rights as they pursue their goals; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that these rights are protected through laws at the local, state, and federal levels through legislation known as the "White Cane Law" in an effort to prevent accidents; and

WHEREAS, we urge motorists to act courteously and take proper precautions when encountering blind pedestrians on our streets and sidewalks; and

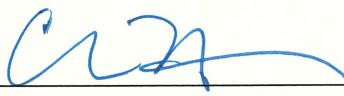
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chris Hoy, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2024, as

WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY

and invite the community to use this occasion to reflect upon the significance of the white cane and to support employment and full integration of blind individuals in our City.

DATED this fourteenth day of October, 2024.




Chris Hoy
Mayor