

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

WHITE CANE AWARENESS DAY

OCTOBER 15, 2023

- WHEREAS,** *The white cane, which every blind citizen of our country has the right to carry, demonstrates and symbolizes the ability to achieve a full and independent life and the capacity to work productively in competitive employment; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The white cane, by allowing every blind person to move freely and safely from place to place, makes it possible for the blind to fully participate in and contribute to our society and to live the lives they want; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Every citizen should be aware that the law requires that motorists and cyclists exercise appropriate caution when approaching a blind person carrying a white cane; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland law also calls upon employers, both public and private, to be aware of and utilize the employment skills of our blind citizens by recognizing their worth as individuals and their productive capacities; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The State of Maryland, through its public agencies and with the cooperative assistance of the National Federation of the Blind of Maryland, can and should facilitate the expansion of employment opportunities for and greater acceptance of blind persons in the competitive labor market.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim OCTOBER 15, 2023 as WHITE CANE AWARENESS DAY in Maryland, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
the 15th day of October
Two Thousand and twenty-three*

[Signature]
Governor

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Lt. Governor

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Secretary of State