

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

RESOLUTION 2022 –

WHEREAS, the white cane is the universal symbol for blindness or visual impairment and is used by those who are totally blind or who may have a small amount of vision remaining. Its use has promoted courtesy and special consideration to the blind on our streets and highways; and

WHEREAS, the white cane, which every blind citizen of our state 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 is intended to allow every blind person to move freely and safely from place to place, making it possible for the blind to fully participate in and contribute to our society; and

WHEREAS, every day, millions of Americans who are blind or visually impaired use a white cane or guide dog to get to work, school, shop and travel; and

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

WHEREAS, employers, both public and private, should be aware of the state laws protecting the rights of these citizens and utilize the employment skills of our blind citizens by recognizing their worth as individuals and their productive capacities; and

WHEREAS, since the blind and blindness are frequently misunderstood, public education campaigns such as **WHITE CANE AWARENESS DAY** are observed and create opportunities for the citizens of Hernando County to learn firsthand that the blind are basically like everyone else.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HERNANDO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaim October 15, 2022 as **WHITE CANE AWARENESS DAY** in Hernando County.

SECTION 2. The Board of County Commissioners hereby encourage the citizens of Hernando County to recognize the white cane as a tool that allows the blind to navigate and explore their environment safely and independently.

ADOPTED in Regular Session this 11th day of October 2022, A.D.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Attest:

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Clerk of Circuit Court & Comptroller

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