

WHEREAS, the white cane demonstrates and symbolizes the ability of every blind person to become self-reliant and achieve a full independent life and the capacity to work productively in competitive employment; and

WHEREAS, every blind citizen in our state has the right to carry a white cane which allows them to move freely and safely from place to place, thereby making it possible for the blind to fully participate in and contribute to our society; and

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

WHEREAS, Florida law calls upon all public and private employers 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 Florida, through its public agencies and with the cooperative assistance of the National Federation of the Blind, can look forward to continued expansion of employment opportunities for, and greater acceptance of blind persons in the competitive labor market, and

WHEREAS, the self determination of blind people to be independent and enjoy boundless freedom is enhanced with the growing use of the white cane.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, does hereby proclaim October 2021, as

WHITE CANE SAFETY MONTH

In Brevard County, and calls upon all citizens to recognize the white cane as an instrument of safety, and self-help for blind pedestrians on our streets and highways.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session this 7th day of October, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER