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Proclamation

Issued by the Mayor

WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY October 15, 2000

WHEREAS, the white cane, or guide dog, which every blind citizen of our city has the right to use, demonstrates and symbolizes his/her ability to work productively in competitive employment; and

WHEREAS, the white cane, or guide dog, by allowing every blind person to move freely and safely from place to place, makes it possible for him/her to participate fully in and contribute to our society; and


WHEREAS, motorists should be aware that the law requires that blind pedestrians carrying a white cane or using a guide dog shall be given the right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, California law calls upon employers, both public and private, to be aware of and utilize the employment skills of blind citizens by recognizing their worth as individuals, and their productive capacities as employees; and

WHEREAS, through the public education and outreach efforts of the National Federation of the Blind of California, citizens of the city can look forward to a continued expansion of employment opportunities for, and greater acceptance of, blind persons in the competitive labor market.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jimmie R. Yee, Mayor of the City of Sacramento, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2000, as White Cane Safety Day in the City of Sacramento, for the purpose of bringing a greater understanding of blindness and what it means to be blind to the citizens of this city. I call upon our schools to offer full opportunities for training to blind persons, for public and private employers to utilize the available skills of competent blind persons, and for all citizens to recognize the white cane and guide dog as instruments of safety and self-help for blind pedestrians.

ISSUED: This 10th Day of October, 2000.


JIMMIE R. YEE
MAYOR