

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, every blind Montanan has the right to carry a white cane, a symbol of the ability to achieve a full and independent life, as well as the capacity to work productively in competitive employment; and

WHEREAS, the white cane allows every blind person to move freely and safely from place to place, making it possible for blind Montanans to fully participate in 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, Montana employers recognize the worth of blind Montanans and their productive capacities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Montana, with the assistance of the Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind, works to facilitate the expansion of employment opportunities for blind Montanans;

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim
October 15, 2024*

WHITE CANE AWARENESS DAY

in Montana to recognize the white cane and the contributions of blind individuals to the state.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor