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845-2022

Proclamation

Proclaim October 15, 2022 to be White Cane Awareness Day

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Whereas, There are different degrees of blindness, visual diversity, meaning someone can be legally blind but still see colors, shapes and varying degrees of light; and

Whereas, White canes and guide dogs are tools that people who are blind or visually diverse use to identify themselves and to navigate their environment with greater independence; and

Whereas, Every citizen should be aware that Oregon law requires that drivers stop and remain stopped until a person carrying a white cane or using a guide dog has crossed the street; and

Whereas, October 15th has been designated by the US Congress in 1964 as a day of education and celebration of the advent of white canes and guide dogs for independent and safe travel.

Now, therefore, I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim October 15th, 2022 to be

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In Portland and call upon public officials, members of civic organizations and all people in the city of Portland to join together as we work to ensure the benefits and privileges of life in our Great city are available to persons who are blind or visually diverse.

Introduced by

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Requested Agenda Type

Time Certain

Date and Time Information

Requested Council Date

October 12, 2022

Requested Start Time

10:05 am

Time Requested

15 minutes

Documents and Exhibits

 [2022 White Cane Awareness Day Proclamation](#) (104.25 Kb)

 [LARGE FONT 2022 White Cane Awareness Day Proclamation](#) (41.83 Kb)

Agenda Items

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