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Proclamation

Proclaim October 15, 2024 to be White Cane Awareness Day

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Whereas, Blindness or low vision affects individuals of all ages, all income levels, all genders, and all cultures; and

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

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Now, therefore, I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses" do hereby proclaim October 15th, 2024 to be

White Cane Awareness Day

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

Introduced by

[Mayor Ted Wheeler](#);
[Commissioner Carmen Rubio](#)

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