



## Proclamation

Board of County Commissioners  
Manatee County, Florida

**WHEREAS**, it is the right of all pedestrians who are blind, using a guide dog, a service dog, a walker, a crutch, an orthopedic cane, or a wheelchair to access streets; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida Statutes 316.1301(2) and 316.1303 clearly state that drivers must stop to allow pedestrians to cross; and

**WHEREAS**, the White Cane Law assures access to streets and highways for people with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, enforcement by police officers improves compliance of the White Cane Law; and

**WHEREAS**, both law and common courtesy mandate that drivers give the right of way to those pedestrians needing extra assistance. Increased knowledge and education of the law makes for a more pedestrian friendly community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that October 15, 2020, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

### **WHITE CANE AWARENESS DAY**

in Manatee County, Florida.

**ADOPTED** with a quorum present and voting this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Betsy Benac, Chairman

ATTEST: Angelina Coloneso  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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