



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, increased knowledge and education of the law makes for a more pedestrian-friendly community; and

WHEREAS, enforcement of the law improves compliance with the White Cane Law; and

WHEREAS, both law and common courtesy mandate that drivers give the right of way to pedestrians and those using a white cane, a guide dog, a service dog, a walker, a crutch, an orthopedic cane, or a wheelchair; and

WHEREAS, October 15 of each year is recognized as National White Cane Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that October 15, 2017, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

WHITE CANE DAY

in Manatee County, Florida.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 10th day of October 2017.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Betsy Benac, Chairman

ATTEST: Angelina Colonnese
Clerk of the Circuit Court
