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LEEDS, UTAH

WHITE CANE AWARENESS DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the white cane, which every blind citizen of our state/city has the right to carry, demonstrates and symbolizes the ability to achieve a full and independent life and the capacity to work productively in competitive employment; and

WHEREAS, the white cane, by allowing every blind person to move freely and safely from place to place, makes it possible for the blind to fully participate in and contribute to 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, Utah law also calls upon employers, both public and private, to be aware of and utilize the employment skills of our blind citizens by recognizing their worth as individuals and their productive capacities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Utah, through its public agencies and with the cooperative assistance of the National Federation of the Blind, Red Rocks Chapter can and should facilitate the expansion of employment opportunities for and greater acceptance of blind persons in the competitive labor market:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BILL HOSTER, Mayor of LEEDS, Utah, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2025, as

WHITE CANE AWARENESS DAY

In LEEDS and do call upon our schools, colleges, and universities to offer full opportunities for training to blind persons; upon employers and the public to utilize the available skills of competent blind persons and to open new opportunities for the blind in our rapidly changing society; and upon all citizens to recognize the white cane as a tool of independence for blind pedestrians on our streets and highways.

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The Honorable Bill Hoster

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Subject: Request for White Cane Awareness Day Proclamation

Dear Mayor Hoster,

On behalf of the **NFB Red Rocks Chapter and the blind community of Southern Utah**, I am writing to respectfully request that you sign a proclamation declaring October 15, 2025 as "White Cane Awareness Day" in Leeds, UT.

The white cane is a critical tool of independence for people who are blind, allowing us to travel safely and freely. A proclamation from your office would:

- **Raise public awareness** about the meaning of the white cane and the laws that protect the rights of blind pedestrians.
- **Celebrate the abilities and contributions** of blind citizens in our community.
- **Promote courtesy and respect** for blind and low-vision individuals in our city.

For your convenience, a draft proclamation is attached for your review. It is based on standard language used for this annual observance.

We would be honored if you would consider signing this proclamation. We would also be delighted to arrange a brief photo opportunity with you and representatives from our organization at the signing, which we could use to publicize the event and your support.

Thank you for your consideration. I will follow up with your office to discuss this request further.