



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

October 18, 1982

MAYOR VELLUCCI

WHEREAS: One of the basic rights which we as Americans cherish is the freedom of each citizen to move without barriers about this great land. For visually handicapped individuals the white cane is both an instrument and a symbol of independence. A pathfinder, not a crutch, the white cane serves blind people as a sensitive transmitter of information. It signals the presence of obstacles and of changes in contour. To its user, the white cane provides the confidence to venture forth, to experience the world, to participate fully in life, and

WHEREAS: The white cane serves to alert others. It reminds those of us who can see to exercise simple courtesy and common sense in approaching a blind person. By providing assistance when it is desired or often just by yielding the right-of-way, we can help assure safe passage and safeguard the right of visually handicapped persons to enjoy unhindered mobility. To make all Americans more fully aware of the significance and importance of the white cane and the need for extra alertness and consideration when approaching its user, the Congress, by a joint resolution approved October 6th, 1964, 78 stat, 10,003 USD 169D, has authorized the President to proclaim October 15th of each year as White Cane Safety Day.

RESOLVED: I, Alfred E. Vellucci, Mayor of Cambridge, do hereby proclaim October 15th, 1982, as White Cane Safety Day in Cambridge. On this occasion I urge all sighted citizens to increase their knowledge and understanding of the needs and rights of visually handicapped people. In particular each of us should be prepared to heed the message of the white cane and grant its users the measure of care necessary for their physical safety, self-confidence and peace of mind.

In City Council October 18, 1982.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.
Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul E. Healy".

Order # 6

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Mayor Vellucci re: proclamation of October 15, 1982 as "White Cane Safety Day".

In City Council,

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