

CITY OF LACEY
Official Proclamation

WHEREAS, the white cane, which every blind citizen of our state 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

WHEREAS, every citizen should be aware that the law requires that motorists exercise appropriate caution when approaching a blind person carrying a white cane; and

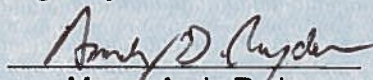
WHEREAS, Washington law also calls upon employers, both public and private, to be aware of and utilize the employment skills of our blind citizens by recognizing their worth as individuals and their productive capacities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lacey, through the Department of Services for the Blind and other public agencies, and with the cooperative assistance of numerous civic and non-profit groups, can look forward to a continued expansion of employment opportunities for and greater acceptance of blind persons in the competitive labor market.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andy Ryder, Mayor of the City of Lacey, on behalf of the Lacey City Council, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2015, as

White Cane Safety Day

in the City of Lacey and encourage 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 an instrument of safety and self-help for blind pedestrians on our streets and highways.



Mayor Andy Ryder
October 8, 2015

