

# Proclamation

## CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

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**Whereas:** on October 6, 1964, the United States Congress designated October 15 of each year as White Can Safety Day; and

**Whereas:** blindness and severe visual impairment affect approximately 109,000 Wisconsin residents; and

**Whereas:** the majority of these persons use travel aids such as a white cane or a service animal to get around public streets, sidewalks, and places of public accommodation; and

**Whereas:** these travel aids are universally recognized as symbols representing vision loss; and

**Whereas:** Wisconsin's White Cane Law requires that motorists come to a full stop before approaching closer than 10 feet to a pedestrian who is using a white cane or service animal; and

**Whereas:** Greater awareness of the White Can Law leads to safer, more attentive driving in general, enhancing the safety of all pedestrians, including children, elders and people with disabilities; and

**Whereas:** Communities have the opportunity to implement many proven features to enhance the safety of all pedestrians, including sidewalks, accessible pedestrian signals and curb ramps.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, I, Mayor Cory Mason,** on behalf of the residents of the City of Racine do hereby proclaim October 15, 2023 as

### **WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY**

and also acknowledge the importance of pedestrian safety year-round.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Racine to be affixed.

Accomplished at the City Hall  
this 3rd day of October, 2023.

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Mayor