

Image: Great Seal of the State of Kansas  
January 29, 1861

## PROCLAMATION by the GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, KSA 8-1542 requires motorists to yield the right of way to blind pedestrians who are carrying a white cane, or who are accompanied by a guide dog in harness; and

WHEREAS, KSA 39-1101 et seq. sets forth rights of people who are blind or who have other disabilities to have full access to the State's streets, sidewalks, and other public accommodations; and

WHEREAS, over the past several months, at least two blind pedestrians, who were legally crossing Kansas roadways, have been struck by motorists, with one person being killed and one seriously injured; and

WHEREAS, to engage in employment opportunities, independent completion of personal business and full participation in citizenship of the State, blind and otherwise disabled Kansans must be afforded the opportunity to move through the built environment of the State with an expectation of safety and protection from undue risk.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim October 15th, 2020 as **White Cane Safety Day** in Kansas and I urge all citizens to join in this observation.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka  
under the Great Seal of  
the State this 15th day of  
October, A.D. 2020

BY THE GOVERNOR: Laura Kelly

Secretary of State: Scott Schwab  
Assistant Secretary of State: Jennifer Cook

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