

# PROCLAMATION

## *White Cane Awareness Day ~ October 15, 2021*

**WHEREAS**, the white cane, or guide dog, demonstrates and symbolizes the ability of individuals to achieve full and independent lives and the capacity to work productively in competitive employment; and

**WHEREAS**, the white cane, or guide dog, allows individuals to move freely and safely from place to place, makes it possible for blind and visually impaired individuals to fully participate in and contribute to our society; and

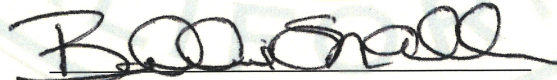
**WHEREAS**, individuals should be aware that the law requires that motorists and cyclists exercise appropriate caution when approaching a person carrying a white cane or using a guide dog; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Elk Grove community can look forward to a continued expansion of employment opportunities for and greater acceptance of blind persons in the competitive labor market.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Elk Grove hereby proclaims October 15, 2021 as White Cane Awareness Day in the City of Elk Grove and calls upon our everyone to offer full opportunities for training to blind persons; to utilize the available skills of competent blind persons; and to recognize the white cane and guide dog as tools of independence for blind pedestrians on our streets and highways.

**SIGNED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.



BOBBIE SINGH-ALLEN, MAYOR



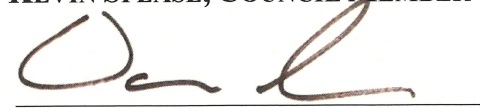
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