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MARCH FONG EU, Secretary of State

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## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the White Cane has come to symbolize the right of a blind person to lead a full and independent life; and

WHEREAS, by aiding the blind person to move freely and safely from place to place, the white cane helps every blind person who uses one to participate in and contribute to our society; and

WHEREAS, citizens need to be reminded that they should yield the right of way to any blind person carrying a white cane; and

WHEREAS, this has been designated as the International Year of the Disabled Person; and

WHEREAS, during this year it is particularly important that a special day be designated to call attention to the abilities of blind persons and to call for continued expansion of educational and employment opportunities for blind persons in this state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and the statutes of the State of California, do hereby declare and proclaim October 15, 1981 as White Cane Awareness Day and urge all Californians to recognize the white cane as an instrument of safety and self-help for blind persons and also to encourage schools and employers to offer equal opportunities to the blind people of our state.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 15th day of October 1981.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.  
Governor of California

ATTEST:

March Fong Eu  
Secretary of State

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