

# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING  
OCTOBER 15, 2016 AS  
"WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY"  
IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, *Braille Institute helps people learn to use a white cane, which even citizen who is legally blind in our country has the right to carry to demonstrate their ability to be self-reliant and celebrate a full and independent life, and the capacity to work productively in competitive employment; and*

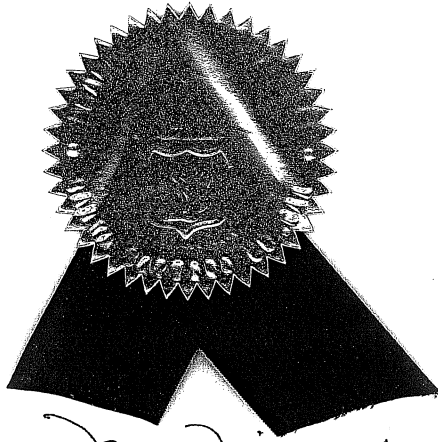
WHEREAS, *the white cane empowers people who are legally blind to move freely and safely from place to place, so that they may participate in, and contribute to, our society as they wish; and*

WHEREAS, *every citizen should be aware that the law requires that a motorist exercise appropriate caution when approaching a legally blind 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 citizens with vision loss; and*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors, in cooperation with Braille Institute Center, proclaims October 15, 2016 as "White Cane Safety Day" in Santa Barbara: And calls upon all citizens to recognize the white cane as an instrument of safety, and independence for pedestrians who are legally blind in our communities, and for motorists to remember to exercise special care for those who use a white cane in public spaces.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

*Monica Reyesato*  
Clerk of the Board

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