



PROCLAMATION

White Cane Safety Day October 15, 2010

WHEREAS, the white cane, or guide dog, which every blind citizen of our county has the right to use, demonstrates and symbolizes his/her ability to work productively in competitive employment; and,

WHEREAS, the white cane, or guide dog, by allowing every blind person to move freely and safely from place to place, makes it possible for him/her to participate fully in and contribute to our society; and,

WHEREAS, motorists should be aware that the law requires that blind pedestrians carrying a white cane or using a guide dog shall be given the right-of-way; and,

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

WHEREAS, through the public education and outreach efforts of the National Federation of the Blind of California, citizens of this county 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 PROCLAIMED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the County of El Dorado, does hereby recognize October 15, 2010, as **WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY** in the County of El Dorado for the purpose of bringing a greater understanding of blindness and what it means to be blind to the citizens of this county and call upon our schools to offer full opportunities for training to blind persons; public and private employers to utilize the available skills of competent blind persons and to open new opportunities for the blind in our rapidly changing society; and, all citizens to recognize the white cane and guide dog as instruments of safety and self-help for blind pedestrians on our streets and highways.*

*Attest: Suzanne Allen de Sanchez,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors*

Ayes: Knight, Nutting, Sweeney, Briggs, Santiago

Deputy Clerk of the Board

Supervisor Norma Santiago, Chair