

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Paula M. DeLaney

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Alachua County Chapter of the Florida Council of the Blind is a consumer/advocacy membership organization for people who are blind and visually impaired; and

WHEREAS, the use of a guide dog or white cane is a universally recognized mobility aid for the blind; and

WHEREAS, State of Florida statute 316.1301, also known as "THE WHITE CANE LAW" requires that vehicles stop when an individual guided by a guide dog or carrying a white cane is crossing a public street or highway; and

WHEREAS, October 15 of each year has been nationally designated as "White Cane Safety Day;" and

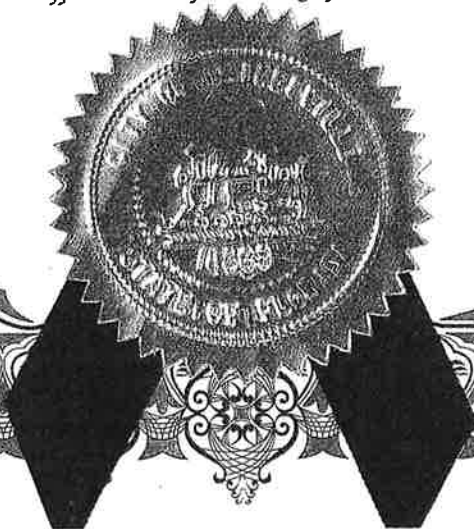
WHEREAS, it is the desire of the members of the Alachua County Chapter of the Florida Council of the Blind to make the public aware of the "White Cane Law" and the necessity of its observance to assure the safety of individuals on Gainesville's public streets who are blind or visually impaired.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paula M. DeLaney, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2000 as

WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in assuring the safety of individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 15th day of September, A.D., 2000.



Paula M. DeLaney
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Mayor