

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, the use of a white cane with a red tip or a guide dog is universally recognized as mobility aids for the blind and visually impaired; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Statutes 752.52 Section 2, and 752.53 Section 3, also known as "THE WHITE CANE LAW", requires that vehicles STOP when an individual directed by a guide dog or carrying a white cane with a red tip is crossing a public street or highway; and

WHEREAS, October of each year has been nationally designated as "WHITE CANE SAFETY MONTH"; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the members of the Alachua County Council of the Blind to make the public aware of the "WHITE CANE LAW" and the necessity of observance to assure the safety of individuals who are blind or visually impaired on Gainesville's public streets and highways.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October 2006 as

White Cane Safety Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in raising our level of awareness to assure 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 23rd day of October, A.D., 2006.

Pegeen Hanrahan
Mayor