

## VILLAGE PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** on October 6, 1964, the United States Congress designated October 15 of each year as White Cane Safety Day; and

**WHEREAS,** blindness and severe visual impairment affect approximately 109,000 Wisconsin residents; and

**WHEREAS,** the majority of these person use travel aids, such as a white cane or a service animal to get around public streets and sidewalks and places of public accommodation; and

**WHEREAS,** these travel aids are universally recognized as symbols representing vision loss; and

**WHEREAS,** Wisconsin's White Cane Law requires that motorists come to a full stop before approaching closer than 10 feet to a pedestrian who is using a white cane or service animal; and

**WHEREAS,** Greater awareness of the White Cane Law leads to safer, more attentive driving in general, enhancing the safety of all pedestrians, including children, elders and people with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS,** communities have the opportunity to implement many proven features to enhance the safety of all pedestrians, including sidewalks, accessible pedestrian signals and curb ramps.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that, I, Village President Jeff Knutson, on behalf of the residents of Village of Pewaukee, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, October 15, 2024 as **WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY** *in the Village of Pewaukee and also acknowledge the importance of pedestrian safety year-round.*

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT**

Approved by Village Board October 1, 2024