

**EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

WHEREAS, many South Dakota citizens who are blind or visually impaired use white canes to achieve greater independence and increased mobility and productivity; and

WHEREAS, the white cane demonstrates and symbolizes the ability to achieve a full and independent life and the capacity to work productively in competitive employment; and

WHEREAS, every citizen should be aware that the law requires that motorists exercise appropriate caution when approaching a blind person carrying a white cane; and

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

WHEREAS, South Dakota, through its public agencies, can and should facilitate the expansion of employment opportunities for and greater acceptance of blind persons in the competitive labor market; and

WHEREAS, on White Cane Safety Day, we celebrate the symbolism of the white cane, and we underscore the dedication to ensuring more individuals have the ability to lead active lives and achieve their personal and professional goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KRISTI NOEM, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2020, as

WHITE CANE DAY

in South Dakota.

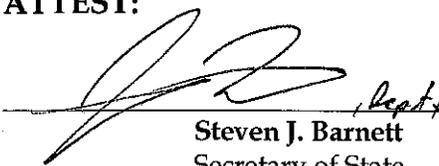
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.





Kristi Noem
Governor of South Dakota

ATTEST:



Steven J. Barnett
Secretary of State