



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the City of Idaho Falls recognizes that all citizens have the right to equality, opportunity, independence, and freedom; and
- WHEREAS,** we also recognize that blind citizens possess these same rights as they pursue employment and full participation in the economic and social life of this city; and
- WHEREAS,** the long white cane is not only a tool used by blind citizens to travel freely, independently and safely throughout our community, but it is also a symbol of their self-empowerment as they pursue their goals; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Idaho Falls, through its public agencies and with a working relationship with the National Federation of the Blind of Idaho, shall look forward to opportunities and a greater acceptance of blind persons in the competitive labor market.

THEREFORE, I, REBECCA CASPER, MAYOR of the City of Idaho Falls, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2018 as

National White Cane Safety Day

and call upon public and private employers to open new opportunities to the blind in our rapidly changing society, and I also call upon all citizens to recognize the long white cane as a tool of safety and a symbol of self-help for blind persons.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Idaho Falls to be affixed on this 24th day of October, Two Thousand and Eighteen.

Rebecca L. Noah Casper, Mayor
City of Idaho Falls