

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME -- GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The white cane reminds us that having a disability does not diminish one's right to take part in any aspect of society. Independence, which the white cane provides, offers wider participation in the workforce, in commerce, education, entertainment, and, indeed, in all aspects of the human experience; and

WHEREAS: Our observance of White Cane Safety Day gives us the opportunity not only to celebrate the accomplishments of those who use the white cane, but also to renew our commitment to removing those barriers, both physical and attitudinal, that prevent people with disabilities from reaching their full potential; and

WHEREAS: We must continue to remain ever-vigilant in our responsibilities by offering appropriate assistance to the visually impaired, hearing impaired, and other persons with physical disabilities; and by keeping streets, highways, sidewalks, walkways, public buildings, public facilities, and other public places safe and functional;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, acting under the authority vested in me by Arkansas Code Annotated § 1-5-108, do hereby proclaim October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017, as

**WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY**

in the State of Arkansas, and I urge my fellow citizens to continue to be aware of the presence of the visually impaired, hearing impaired, and other persons with physical disabilities; to offer assistance upon appropriate occasions; and to keep public places safe, accessible, and functional.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, in the year of our Lord 2017.



*Asa Hutchinson*

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest:

*Mark Martin*

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State