

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, safe, accessible streets are essential for the well-being of all residents, including children, older adults, and people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Wisconsinites, including over 100,000 with vision loss, rely on sidewalks, curb ramps, accessible pedestrian signals, white canes, and service animals to navigate public spaces safely; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's White Cane Law requires drivers to stop at least 10 feet from pedestrians using a white cane or service animal, reinforcing the need for driver awareness and pedestrian respect; and

WHEREAS, communities can reduce injuries and save lives by investing in proven pedestrian safety infrastructure such as high-visibility crosswalks, traffic calming, and accessible design; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness of pedestrian rights and responsibilities promotes a culture of safety and inclusion for all road users;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, I, Mayor/Village President (NAME), on behalf of the residents of (CITY/VILLAGE) do hereby proclaim October as **PEDESTRIAN SAFETY MONTH** and (DAY) October 15, (YEAR) as **WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY** in (CITY/VILLAGE) and call on all residents, leaders, and lawmakers to prioritize safe, accessible streets year-round

(MAYOR/VILLAGE PRESIDENT)

Signed and sealed this (DATE)
at (CITY/VILLAGE) Hall