



# Proclamation

## White Cane Awareness Day

October 15, 2025

**WHEREAS**, the white cane, which every blind citizen of the City of Tolleson has the right to carry, demonstrates and symbolizes the ability to achieve a full and independent life and the capacity to work productively in competitive employment; and

**WHEREAS**, the white cane, by allowing every blind person to move freely and safely from place to place, makes it possible for the blind to fully participate in and contribute to our society and to live the lives they choose; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Arizona law also calls upon employers, both public and private, to recognize the employment skills of blind citizens by valuing their worth as individuals and acknowledging their productive capacities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tolleson, through its public agencies and with the cooperative assistance of the Arizona affiliate of the National Federation of the Blind, can and should facilitate the expansion of employment opportunities for and greater acceptance of blind persons in the competitive labor market.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Juan F. Rodriguez, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tolleson, Arizona, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2025 as White Cane Awareness Day, and I call upon our schools, colleges, and universities to offer full opportunities for training to blind persons; upon employers and the public to utilize the skills of competent blind persons and to open new opportunities for the blind in our rapidly changing society; and upon all citizens to recognize the white cane as a tool of independence for blind pedestrians on our streets and highways.



Juan F. Rodriguez

Juan F. Rodriguez (Oct 2, 2025 14:11:15 PDT)

Juan F. Rodriguez, Mayor

ATTEST: Crystal Zamora

Crystal Zamora (Oct 2, 2025 14:12:14 PDT)

Crystal Zamora, City Clerk