

# Municipality of Anchorage Alaska

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, it is important that all Anchorage citizens to have the opportunity to live active, independent lives and by supporting initiatives that promote safe mobility, we can help those who are blind or visually impaired to gain independence and realize their dreams; and

**WHEREAS**, for citizens who are blind or visually impaired, the white cane is an important tool for self-reliance and full participation and inclusion in our society; the use of white canes, dog guides, and public and private transportation programs has ensured those who are blind or visually impaired can travel efficiently and safely, breaking down barriers to success and independence; and

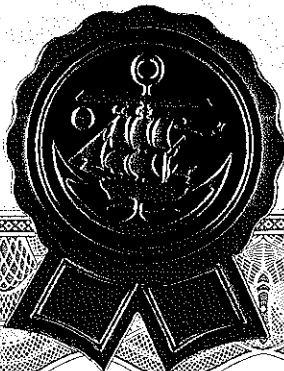
**WHEREAS**, in 1964, Congress passed a resolution proclaiming October 15<sup>th</sup> to be White Cane Safety Day and we also recognize this day as a time to promote the independence of Anchorage citizens who are blind or visually impaired, and to increase public awareness of mobility and safety issues concerning people with visual impairments; and

**WHEREAS**, I urge all citizens to promote the safety and well-being of their fellow citizens with visual impairments and support their efforts to contribute to our workforce and lead full, independent lives to make for a stronger city.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dan Sullivan, Mayor of Anchorage, Alaska, do hereby proclaim October 16<sup>th</sup> to October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011, as

### ***“White Cane Safety Week”***

**And** call on all Anchorage citizens to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies, activities and programs.



*Dan Sullivan*  
MAYOR