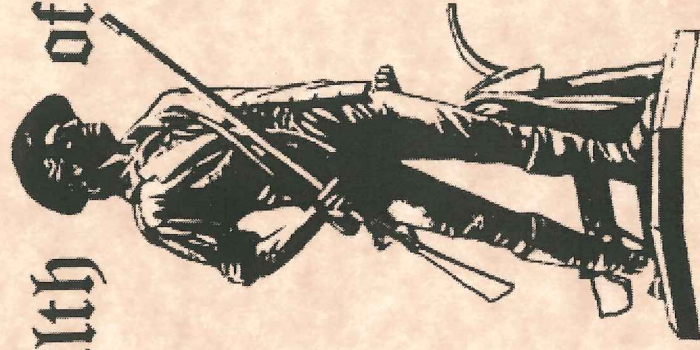


# Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

- Whereas** Every citizen of the Commonwealth has the right to lead a full and independent life, which includes education, productive employment, and access to the community; and
- Whereas** By allowing every citizen who is blind to move freely and safely from place to place, the white cane enhances an individual's potential for full participation as a citizen of the Commonwealth; and
- Whereas** We recognize the importance of Orientation and Mobility training for children and adults in learning how to use a white cane to access the community; and
- Whereas** The law requires that motorists come to a full stop when a pedestrian, using a white cane or guide dog is crossing a street; and
- Whereas** Through public awareness, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts encourages all citizens to recognize the white cane as a tool of independence for pedestrians who are blind,

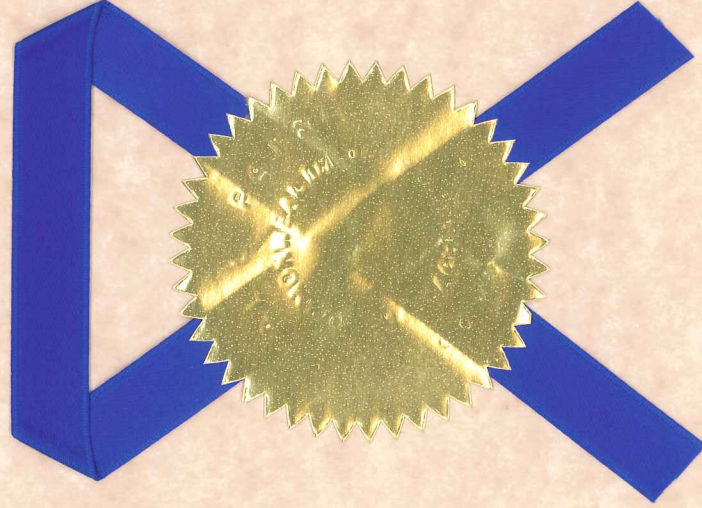
**Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick**, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014, to be,

## WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this first day of October, in the year two thousand and fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-eighth.

By His Excellency



DEVAL L. PATRICK  
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH