



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2025-69

White Cane Awareness Day

WHEREAS, the white cane is recognized worldwide as a symbol of independence, mobility, and self-reliance for individuals who are blind or visually impaired; and

WHEREAS, individuals who are blind or visually impaired play an essential role in the social, cultural, and economic life of Charles County, and our community is enriched by their contributions; and

WHEREAS, ensuring accessibility, promoting awareness, and supporting safe mobility for individuals who are blind or visually impaired benefits the entire community by fostering inclusivity, understanding, and equal participation; and

WHEREAS, White Cane Awareness Day reminds drivers of the need to exercise caution and yield the right-of-way to pedestrians using a white cane or guide dog, and reminds employers, both public and private, to be aware of and utilize the employment skills of our blind citizens by recognizing their worth as individuals and their productive capabilities; and

WHEREAS, Charles County reaffirms its commitment to building a community that values independence, inclusion, and dignity for all residents, regardless of ability.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2025 as **White Cane Awareness Day** in Charles County and encourage all residents to join in recognizing the independence and achievements of individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

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