The State of Wisconsin

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, blindness and severe visual impairment affects approximately 200,000 residents of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the majority of these persons use a travel aide, such as a white cane or dog guide; and

WHEREAS, these travel aides are universally recognized as symbols representing loss of vision; and

WHEREAS, people who operate motor vehicles must be alert for visually impaired pedestrians;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM DOYLE, Governor of the State of Wisconsin do hereby proclaim **October 15, 2005**

WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY

in the State of Wisconsin, and urge operators of motor vehicles to be acutely aware of visually impaired pedestrians and obey the Wisconsin laws that protect them.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this fourteenth day of September in the year two thousand five.

JIM DOYLE

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State