WHEREAS, for blind Americans, the white cane is a symbol of freedom and independence, enhancing their potential for full participation as members of society; and

WHEREAS, according to Florida’s White Cane Law, motorists must come to a complete stop before reaching a location where a blind pedestrian is crossing a public street or highway with a white cane or guide dog, then proceed with caution; and

WHEREAS, it is important that motorists be careful and considerate around pedestrians, and it’s equally important that pedestrians know the rules of the road, use crosswalks and make themselves as visible as possible to motorists; and

WHEREAS, we commend the Greater Daytona Beach Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind, the Halifax Council of the Blind, Handicapped Adults of Volusia County, and Disability Solutions for Independent Awareness for their efforts to promote safety for all pedestrians; NOW THEREFORE,

WE, THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, do hereby proclaim October 10, 2015, as:

“WHITE CANE SAFETY AND PEDESTRIAN AWARENESS DAY”

in Volusia County and urge all residents to be cautious around all pedestrians and join efforts to assist the visually impaired to live independently with dignity and worth.

Dated this 10th day of October, A.D. 2015