WHEREAS, for blind Americans, white canes and guide dogs are symbols of freedom and independence, enhancing their potential for full participation as members of society; and

WHEREAS, mobility aids – such as wheelchairs, crutches, support canes and walkers – are independence tools for people who have physical disabilities; and

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

WHEREAS, drivers must yield to pedestrians who are crossing streets appropriately; and

WHEREAS, it is important that motorists be careful and considerate around all pedestrians, and it’s equally important that pedestrians know and abide by traffic and safety rules, use crosswalks and pedestrian signals and make themselves as visible as possible to motorists; and

WHEREAS, we commend local and statewide organizations and agencies for their efforts to promote the safety of all pedestrians; NOW THEREFORE,

WE, THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, do hereby proclaim October 26, 2017, as:

“WHITE CANE AWARENESS AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY DAY”

in Volusia County and urge residents to be cautious around all pedestrians and join efforts to help visually and mobility-impaired individuals live and travel independently with dignity and confidence.

Dated this 26th day of October, A.D. 2017

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