

PROCLAMATION

**HEREAS*, it is the right of all pedestrians who are blind, using a guide dog, a service dog, a walker, a crutch, an orthopedic cane or a wheelchair to access streets; and

**HEREAS*, Florida Statutes 316.1301(2) and 316.1303 clearly state that drivers must stop to allow pedestrians to cross; and

##HEREAS, the White Cane Law assures access to streets and highways for people with disabilities; and

HEREAS, enforcement by police officers improves compliance of the White Cane Law; and

**HEREAS*, both law and common courtesy mandate that drivers give the right of way to those pedestrians needing extra assistance. Increased knowledge and education of the law makes for a more pedestrian friendly community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that October 15, 2020 shall be known in all of Charlotte County as

White Cane Awareness Day

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 13th day of October 2020