

RESOLUTION 2022-25

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 15, 2022 AS WHITE CANE DAY

WHEREAS, blindness and severe visual impairment affect approximately 100,000 Wisconsin residents; and

WHEREAS, the majority of these person use travel aids, such as a white cane or a service animal to get around public streets and sidewalks and places of public accommodation; and

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

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's White Cane Law requires that motorists come to a full stop before approaching closer than 10 feet to a pedestrian who is using a white cane or service animal; and

WHEREAS, Greater awareness of the White Cane Law leads to safer, more attentive driving in general, enhancing the safety of all pedestrians, including children, elders and people with disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, I, Mayor Dave Hemmer and the Common Council of Prairie du Chien, on behalf of the residents of Prairie du Chien do hereby proclaim, October 15, 2022 as White Cane Day and also acknowledge the importance of pedestrian safety year-round.

Adopted this 18th day of October 2022.

By a vote of: _____ in favor, _____ against, and _____ abstain.

David Hemmer, Mayor of the City of Prairie du Chien

Chad Abram, City Administrator of the City of Prairie du Chien