City of Sunnyside, Washington

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Proclamation

WHEREAS, *since 1925, when asked to champion the blind by Helen Keller, Lions Clubs International has served the blind and visually impaired and remain committed to this mission with an objection to "prevent avoidable blindness and improve quality of life for people who are blind or visually impaired."; and*

WHEREAS, *the white cane, which every blind citizen of Sunnyside has the right to carry, demonstrates and symbolizes the ability to achieve a full and independent life and the capacity to work productively in competitive employment; and*

WHEREAS, *the white cane, by allowing every blind person to move freely and safely from place to place, makes it possible for the blind to fully participate in and contribute to our society and to live the lives they want; and*

WHEREAS, *every citizen should be aware that the law requires that motorists and cyclists exercise appropriate caution when approaching a blind person carrying a white cane; and*

WHEREAS, *the State of Washington through its public agencies and with the cooperative assistance of local Consumer Organizations of the Blind, including American Council of the Blind, Washington Council of the Blind, National Federation of the Blind Washington; can and should facilitate the expansion of employment opportunities for and greater acceptance of blind persons in the competitive labor market:*

NOW THEREFORE, *I, Jorge Galvan, as Deputy Mayor of Sunnyside, Washington do hereby proclaim October 15, 2024 as* ***White Cane Safety Awareness Day*** *and encourage all citizens to support the safety of individuals who are blind or visually impaired.*

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYSIDE TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT THE CITY OF SUNNYSIDE THIS 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER IN THE YEAR 2024.

JORGE GALVAN
DEPUTY MAYOR OF SUNNYSIDE