

Proclamation

Office of the Mayor

WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence provides for equality and the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, in 1964 Congress authorized October 15th of each year as White Cane Safety Day, now known as Blind Americans Equality Day, to raise awareness of the need to tear down the barriers which blind and visually impaired citizens face in order to make our nation a more inclusive, equitable and accessible society; and

WHEREAS, the white cane demonstrates and symbolizes the ability of blind and visually impaired citizens to move freely and safely from place to place thereby creating an opportunity to live independently and to participate and contribute in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, strides have been made to provide equal access, equal opportunity and equal respect for blind and visually impaired Americans through the passage of motor vehicle and pedestrian safety laws, the strengthening of protections against disability-based discrimination and the advancement of accessibility in educational settings, workplaces and our communities; and

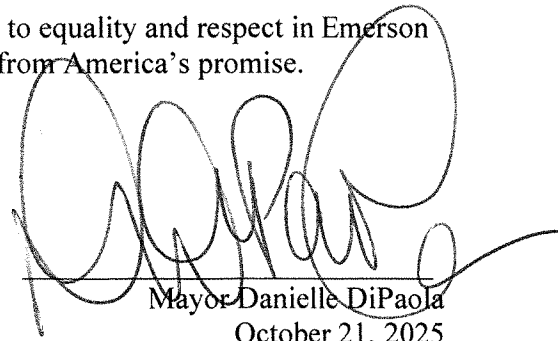
WHEREAS, blind and visually impaired citizens across our country contribute to our workplaces, communities, and our economy while securing stronger futures for themselves and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Danielle DiPaola, Mayor of Emerson, on behalf of the Governing Body, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2025 as

BLIND AMERICANS' EQUALITY DAY / WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY

in Emerson to recognize the rights, talents, and contributions of blind and visually impaired Americans across the nation and in our community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that I reaffirm our commitment to equality and respect in Emerson and advocate for further advancements to ensure that no one is excluded from America's promise.



Mayor Danielle DiPaola
October 21, 2025