

# Proclamation

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## City and County of San Francisco

**WHEREAS**, the City and County of San Francisco traditionally recognizes special days of fundamental importance which have made significant and remarkable contributions to the vitality of our City, and the incredible and innovative work of the white cane and guide dogs truly represents San Francisco values at their best; and

**WHEREAS**, the white cane and guide dog, which every blind citizen of San Francisco 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 and guide dog, 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 with a white cane or guide dog; and

**WHEREAS**, federal and California law also call upon employers, both public and private, to be aware of and utilize the employment skills of our blind citizens by recognizing their worth as individuals and their productive capacities; and

**WHEREAS**, additional calls upon our schools, colleges, and universities to offer full opportunities for training to blind persons; upon employers and the public to utilize the available skills of competent blind persons and to open new opportunities for the blind in our rapidly changing society; and upon all citizens to recognize the white cane and guide dog as tools of independence for blind pedestrians on our streets and highways; and

**WHEREAS**, San Francisco, through its public agencies and with the cooperative assistance of the San Francisco Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind of California, can and should facilitate the expansion of employment opportunities for and greater acceptance of blind persons in the competitive labor market; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, London N. Breed, Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2024 as...

## WHITE CANE AND GUIDE DOG AWARENESS DAY

...in San Francisco!



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City and County of San Francisco to be affixed.*

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "London Breed".

London N. Breed  
Mayor