

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way Viera, FL 32940



### Resolution/Award/Presentation

E.1,	10/7/2021
Subject:	
Resolution acknowledging White Cane Safety Month	
Fiscal Impact:	

# Dept/Office:

District 4

None

## **Requested Action:**

It is requested the Board approve a Resolution recognizing October as White Cane Safety Month

## **Summary Explanation and Background:**

The White Cane is celebrated nationally across the United States during the month of October. The White Cane is a symbol and tool that assists the visually impaired in daily activities, independence and safety.

## Clerk to the Board Instructions:

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October 8, 2021

MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioner Rita Pritchett, District 1

Attn: Carol Mascellino

RE:

Item E.1., Resolution Acknowledging White Cane Safety Month

The Board of Commissioners, in regular session on October 7, 2021, adopted Resolution No. 21-140, acknowledging White Cane Safety Month. Enclosed is a copy of the Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

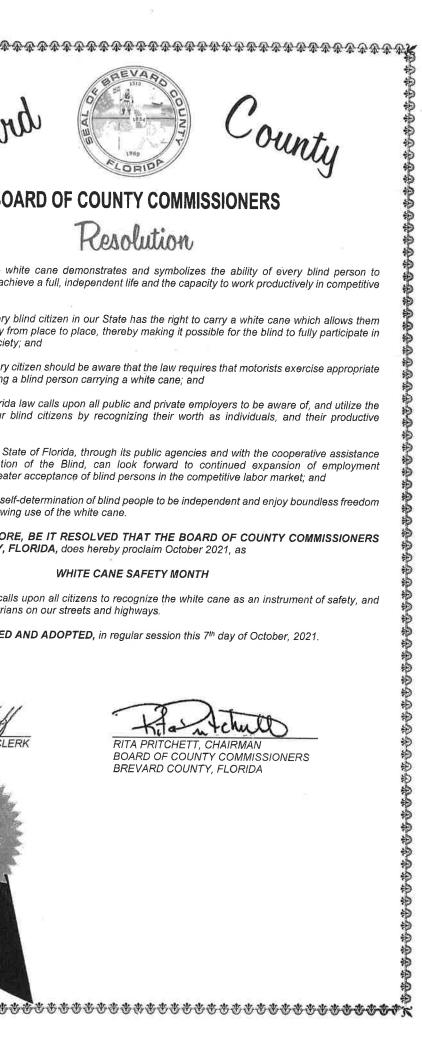
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## **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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WHEREAS, every blind citizen in our State has the right to carry a white cane which allows them to move freely and safely from place to place, thereby making it possible for the blind to fully participate in and contribute to our society; and

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

WHEREAS, Florida law calls upon all public and private employers 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, the State of Florida, through its public agencies and with the cooperative assistance of the National Federation of the Blind, can look forward to continued expansion of employment opportunities for, and greater acceptance of blind persons in the competitive labor market; and

WHEREAS, the self-determination of blind people to be independent and enjoy boundless freedom is enhanced with the growing use of the white cane.

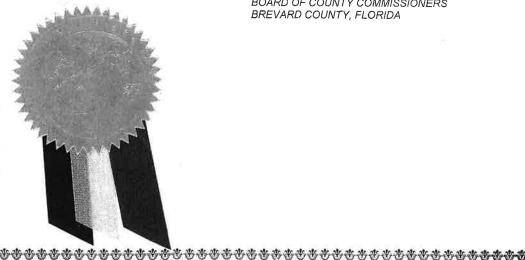
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in Brevard County, and calls upon all citizens to recognize the white cane as an instrument of safety, and self-help for blind pedestrians on our streets and highways.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session this 7th day of October, 2021.

ATTEST:

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### **Deborah Thomas**

From:

Bellak, Christine < Christine. Bellak@brevardfl.gov>

Sent:

Wednesday, September 15, 2021 1:35 PM

To:

Deborah Thomas

Subject:

2021 White Cane.pdf

Attachments:

2021 White Cane.pdf

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Deborah,

This is a Resolution for – October  $7^{th}$ - Zoning , White Cane . It has been submitted to Legistar.

### Christine Bellak



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