



Interoffice Memorandum

AGENDA ITEM

DATE: September 17, 2021

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
-AND-
County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: October 12, 2021 – Consent Item
Resolution Declaring October 15, 2021 as “Blind Americans
Equality Day” in Orange County, Florida

At the September 8, 2021 meeting, the MetroPlan Orlando Board adopted a resolution declaring October 15, 2021, as Blind Americans Equality Day. This annual resolution not only recognizes the accomplishments and contributions of people who live each day with blindness or vision impairments, but also raises awareness of the White Cane Safety Laws which seek to protect people as they travel independently to work, school, medical appointments, or for recreation. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 12 million people 40 years and over in the United States have vision impairment, including 1 million who are blind, 3 million who have vision impairment after correction, and 8 million who have vision impairment due to uncorrected refractive error.

MetroPlan Orlando has requested that the Board approve and execute a resolution declaring October 15, 2021, “Blind Americans Equality Day”, recommitting Orange County to forge ahead with the work of perfecting and ensuring that Orange County remains a place where all people, including those living with disabilities, have every opportunity to achieve their dreams. The adopted Resolution will be recognized at the Annual Blind Americans Equality Day virtual event, held by the National Federation of the Blind, Central Florida Chapter, on October 15, 2021.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval and execution of Resolution of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners regarding declaring October 15, 2021 as “Blind Americans Equality Day” in Orange County, Florida. All Districts

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