

RESOLUTION

of the
ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
regarding
DECLARING OCTOBER 15, 2021 AS
“BLIND AMERICANS EQUALITY DAY”
IN ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
2021-M-49

WHEREAS, by joint resolution approved on October 6, 1964 (Public Law 88-628, as amended), Congress designated October 15 of each year as “White Cane Safety Day” to recognize the contributions of Americans who are blind or have impaired vision;

WHEREAS, it is important that all residents in Orange County who are blind or visually impaired have the opportunity to live active, independent lives;

WHEREAS, more than 32,000 residents in Central Florida are blind or visually impaired;

WHEREAS, for Floridians who are blind or visually impaired, the white cane is an important tool for self-reliance and full participation and inclusion in our society;

WHEREAS, the use of white canes, dog guides, and public and private transportation programs has ensured Floridians who are blind or visually impaired can travel efficiently and safely, breaking down barriers to success and independence;

WHEREAS, in 2011, “White Cane Safety Day” was renamed “Blind Americans Equality Day” by President Barack Obama;

WHEREAS, this proclamation called upon public officials, business and community leaders, educators, librarians, and Americans across the country to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs to celebrate and recognize the accomplishments and contributions of blind and visually impaired Americans; and

WHEREAS, we recommit to forging ahead with the work of perfecting Orange County and ensuring we remain a place where all people, including those living with disabilities, have every opportunity to achieve their dreams.

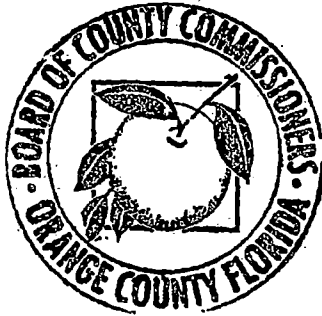
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Orange County Board of County Commissioners:

Section 1. Designation of Blind Americans Equality Day. The Board of County Commissioners hereby designates October 15, 2021 as

"BLIND AMERICANS EQUALITY DAY"

Section 2. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect upon the date of its adoption.

ADOPTED THIS 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021.



ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Board of County Commissioners

By: *Jerry L. Demings*
Jerry L. Demings
Orange County Mayor

ATTEST: Phil Diamond, CPA, County Comptroller
As Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

By: *Katie Smith*
Deputy Clerk