



City of Alachua, Florida

Office of Mayor Gib Coerper

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Alachua Lions Club is a service club that empowers volunteers to serve their communities, including the challenge to prevent blindness and improve eye health and eye care; and

WHEREAS, The use of a guide dog or white cane is universally recognized as a mobility aid for the blind; and

WHEREAS, State of Florida Statute 316.1301, also known as the "White Cane Law" requires that vehicles stop when an individual guided by a guide dog or carrying a white cane is crossing a public street or highway; and

WHEREAS, October 15th of each year has been celebrated since 1964 by a joint resolution of the U.S. Congress as White Cane Safety Day; and

WHEREAS, It is the desire of the members of the Alachua Lions Club to make the public aware of the "White Cane Law" and the necessity of its observance to assure the safety of individuals who are blind or visually impaired on the City of Alachua public streets; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gib Coerper, Mayor of the City of Alachua, representing the City and the City Commission, do hereby proclaim **October, 2022** as

White Cane Safety Month

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 10th day of October, 2022

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gib Coerper", is written over a horizontal line.

Gib Coerper, Mayor