



*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 15 of each year has been celebrated each year by a 1964 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's 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 2017** as

*White Cane Safety Month with*  
*October 15, 2017 as White Cane Safety Day*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, I have hereunto set my hand this 9th day of October, 2017

ATTEST:

  
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Gib Coerper, Mayor