

State of South Carolina)

County of Sumter)

Proclamation

WHEREAS, The White Cane is recognized as a tool of independence that enables the blind and visually impaired to participate in the many facets of daily life; and

WHEREAS, The core principles of our great nation promise freedom, justice, and hope for its citizens and these principles should guarantee the opportunity for every disabled American to live full and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, All Americans should work together to break down barriers and obstacles that may impede the progress of all disabled individuals including those carrying the white cane and provide greater access to the workplace, social gatherings, educational institutions, government buildings, and recreational areas for our citizens with white canes, and

WHEREAS, The White Cane is an emblem of stateliness and fortitude for those that carry the cane with distinction;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that Sumter County Council does hereby proclaim **October 15, 2003**, as

White Cane Safety Day

in Sumter County, South Carolina and urge all citizens of this County to exhibit reverence for those who carry the white cane, to honor their many achievements, and to affirm our commitment to improve access to basic services for the blind and visually impaired.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 14th DAY OF October 2003.

SUMTER COUNTY COUNCIL



By Its: Naomi D. Sanders
Chairwoman

Attest: Mary W. Blanding
Clerk to County Council