WHEREAS, "White Cane Safety Day" is a national observance in the United States; on October 6, 1964, a joint resolution of the United States Congress was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson to authorize President Franklin D. Roosevelt to proclaim "White Cane Safety Day" on this third day of October; and

WHEREAS, "White Cane Safety Day" was also named "Blind American Equality Day" by President Barack Obama on October 15, 2011, calling upon Americans to observe and uphold ceremonies, activities, and programs in recognition of blind and visually impaired Americans; and

WHEREAS, "White Cane Safety Day" provides an opportunity for the blind and visually impaired to highlight the importance of the white cane and the independence and mobility it affords; and

WHEREAS, "White Cane Safety Day" reminds the public of the State of Hawai'i Department of Human Services' Ho'opono Services for the Blind provides specialized services to over 500 blind and visually impaired citizens of the over 2,800 blind and visually impaired individuals listed on the state's blind registry; and

WHEREAS, White Cane Safety Walks raise public awareness of the white cane and its importance in assisting our blind and visually impaired".

THEREFORE, I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 21, 2016 as "WHITE CANE SAFETY AWARENESS DAY" in Hawaii, and urge the people of the Aloha State support the Hawaii State Department of Human Services, Ho'opono Services for the Blind and its efforts to increase awareness about the white cane and its importance in assisting our blind and visually impaired community.

DONE at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers in Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this third day of October, 2016.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i