

## **P R O C L A M A T I O N**

### **White Cane Safety Day**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Muscatine recognizes that all of our citizens have the right to equality, opportunity, independence, and freedom; and

**WHEREAS,** the city also recognizes that our citizens who are blind or otherwise disabled possess the same rights as they pursue public and private employment and full participation in the economic and social life of this community; and

**WHEREAS,** the city understands that the long white cane is not only a tool used by our citizens who are blind to travel freely, independently and safely about the community but is also a symbol of their rights as they pursue their goals; and

**WHEREAS,** the city recognizes that these rights have been protected through legislation passed on the local, state, and federal levels, particularly Chapter 216C of the Code of Iowa, known as the White Cane law.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2014 as White Cane Safety Day and call upon the residents to use this occasion to reflect upon the significance of the long white cane and to support actively the efforts of our citizens who are blind as they pursue employment and full integration into this community. I also urge motorists to be courteous and take proper precautions when they encounter pedestrians that are blind.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF,** I have hereby set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, to be affixed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 2014.

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**DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor**