

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, there are over 40,000 Pinellas County residents that are visually impaired; and

WHEREAS, all citizens must work to reduce barriers to ensure that opportunities are more accessible to all; and

WHEREAS, most Americans who are blind or visually impaired use a white cane or service dog to help them succeed at school, home or work; and

WHEREAS, white canes give these individuals greater mobility and enable them to participate in more aspects of community life; and

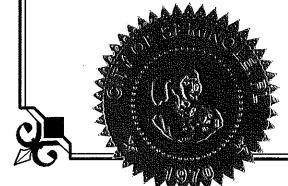
WHEREAS, White Cane Safety Day celebrates the progress that has been made for those who are blind or visually impaired and reaffirms Seminole's commitment to these citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas Council of the Blind is committed to expanding educational and employment opportunities and improving access into daily community life for the blind and visually impaired.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Leslie Waters, Mayor of the City of Seminole, Florida do hereby proclaim October 13, 2018, to be

## WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Seminole, Florida to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018.



Leslie Waters, Mayor