



City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado

Proclamation

Whereas, the white cane serves as both a practical tool and a powerful symbol for visually challenged and blind citizens, enabling them to navigate their surroundings independently and safely; and

Whereas, this emblem of freedom and mobility underscores the capacity of visually impaired individuals to lead fulfilling lives and make meaningful contributions to their communities; and

Whereas, the visually challenged and blind community, like all citizens, bear the collective responsibility to educate their fellow sighted citizens about the challenges and triumphs of life with vision impairment, to foster a more inclusive society built on understanding and empathy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anna Stout, Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, in recognition of the courage, resilience, and indomitable spirit of our visually impaired citizens, do hereby proclaim October 15th, 2023, as

"White Cane Safety & Awareness Day"

and encourage all residents to engage in White Cane Awareness activities taking place on Main Street on October 14th, 2023. Let us take this opportunity to deepen our understanding of vision challenges and blindness, thereby creating a community that celebrates diversity, champions accessibility, and truly leaves no one behind

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 29th day of September 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Anna Stout", written over a horizontal line.

Mayor

