



City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado

Proclamation

- Whereas,** the white cane is more than a mobility tool—it is a universal emblem of independence, resilience, and dignity for individuals who are blind or visually impaired, empowering them to move safely, confidently, and freely in every corner of our community; and
- Whereas,** this symbol of freedom and self-determination reminds us that individuals with vision loss are not defined by limitation, but by their talents, contributions, and boundless potential to enrich the civic, cultural, and economic life of Grand Junction; and
- Whereas,** White Cane Awareness Day calls upon all citizens to recognize not only the daily challenges faced by those with blindness and low vision, but also the courage, determination, and achievements that illuminate their journey; and
- Whereas,** building an inclusive community requires shared responsibility: to learn, to listen, and to act with empathy—ensuring that accessibility, opportunity, and respect are not exceptions but expectations for every resident.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laurel Lutz, Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2026, as

“White Cane Awareness Day”

in the City of Grand Junction. Furthermore, I encourage all residents to participate in White Cane Awareness activities, to honor the strength and spirit of our neighbors with vision loss, and to commit ourselves to a future where independence is supported, diversity is celebrated, and no one is left 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 15th day of October 2026.

Laurel Lutz

Mayor