



2017 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 80

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1 **Relating to:** proclaiming October 15th, 2017, as White Cane Safety Day.

2 Whereas, the white cane, which every blind citizen in our state has the right to
3 carry, is a demonstration of the ability to live and fulfill an independent and fully
4 capable life, both privately and in the workforce; and

5 Whereas, the white cane allows every blind person to move freely and safely
6 about in society, leading to increased contributions and participation; and

7 Whereas, on October 6, 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson proclaimed October
8 15 of each year as White Cane Safety Day, after commending the blind people of our
9 society for their spirit of independence and determination to be self-reliant; and

10 Whereas, this proclamation marked the culmination of a long journey for the
11 recognition of the independence and self-sufficiency of blind people in America; and

12 Whereas, the law requires motorists to exercise extreme caution when
13 approaching a blind person carrying a white cane, something that every citizen
14 should be aware of; and

