Proclamation

WHITE CANE WEEK FEBRUARY 3 - 9, 2019

WHEREAS, the first week of February 2019 is recognized as White Cane Week; and

WHEREAS, White Cane Week aims to remind all Canadians that the traditional white cane is a symbol of independence, not dependence and that a lack of sight is not a lack of vision, and

WHEREAS, this is the 73rd year that this public awareness program has taken place in Canada and reflects the changing situations of people who are blind and visually impaired; and

WHEREAS, White Cane Week is a program of the Canadian Council of the Blind which has acted as "the voice of the blind" for over 70 years, and

WHEREAS, Canadian Council of the Blind asks that service providers remove barriers that limit the fullness of life for our fellow blind and visually impaired citizens.

THEREFORE, I, Danny Breen, Mayor of the City of St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, do hereby proclaim the week of Feb. 3rd – 9th, 2019 as White Cane Week.

Dated this 4th day of February, 2019.

Mayor Danny Breen

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