

# Proclamation

## WHITE CANE WEEK PROCLAMATION 2022

FEBRUARY 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**WHEREAS**, the first week of February 2022 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 77<sup>th</sup> 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 75 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. 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as White Cane Week.



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Danny Breen, Mayor