
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 524 Session of
2024

INTRODUCED BY HOWARD, HILL-EVANS, GREINER, SANCHEZ, SCHLOSSBERG,
McNEILL, FREEMAN, HOHENSTEIN, KHAN, BOROWSKI, PASHINSKI,
MENTZER AND GALLAGHER, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing October 15, 2024, as "White Cane Safety Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, On October 6, 1964, the Congress of the United
4 States designated October 15 of each year as "White Cane Safety
5 Day"; and

6 WHEREAS, Blindness and severe visual impairment affect
7 approximately 300,000 Pennsylvania residents; and

8 WHEREAS, Persons with impaired vision use travel aids such as
9 a white cane or dog guides to get around public streets and
10 sidewalks and places of public accommodation; and

11 WHEREAS, The travel aids, known as "White Canes," are
12 universally recognized as symbols representing vision loss; and

13 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has a White Cane Law requiring drivers
14 of vehicles to yield the right-of-way to any totally or
15 partially blind pedestrian carrying a clearly visible white cane
16 or accompanied by a guide dog and take necessary precautions to
17 avoid injuring or endangering the pedestrian, including stopping

1 the vehicle; and

2 WHEREAS, Greater awareness of Pennsylvania's White Cane Law
3 leads to safer, more attentive driving in general, enhancing the
4 safety of all pedestrians, including children, elders and people
5 with disabilities; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize October
7 15, 2024, as "White Cane Safety Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives acknowledge the
10 need to educate the public about the use of white canes and dog
11 guides to keep pedestrians with impaired vision safe and
12 independent.