

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 13-0659

Recognizing Tuesday, October 15, 2013 as “Raisin’ Cane and White Cane Safety Day” in Denver

WHEREAS, residents of Colorado who are blind or visually impaired are valuable and contributing members of our society and many use a white cane to help them succeed at school, home, or work; and

WHEREAS, white canes give these individuals greater mobility and enable them to participate in more aspects of community life; and

WHEREAS, the American Council of the Blind and Visually Impaired of Colorado (ACBCO) is hosting their annual “Raisin’ Cane” (White Cane Day) event on Tuesday, October 15th, an event celebrated nationally to raise awareness about blind or visually impaired issues, and to build awareness of eye health, mobility, accessibility, and safety issues; and

WHEREAS, Raisin’ Cane will help to raise funds for important community outreach programs to further promote independence and dispel the myths surrounding blindness; and

WHEREAS, ACBCO will host the annual walk through downtown Denver on October 15 beginning at Skyline Park (16th & Arapahoe) at 5:15 p.m. and ending at Trust Denver (1324 15th St.), during this walk people can experience what it is like to walk in a blind persons shoes by using a cane and being blindfolded.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the Denver City Council hereby proclaims Tuesday, October 15, 2013 to be known as: “Raisin’ Cane” White Cane Safety Day in Denver and encourages residents to participate in this walk to build awareness of safety/mobility issues, celebrate the success of individuals who are blind or visually impaired, and to help raise funds for community outreach to further the goals of ACBCO.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Barbara H. Boyer, Executive Director, American Council of the Blind and Visually Impaired of Colorado (ACBCO).

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL October 14, 2013

PRESIDENT