

Proclamation



BLIND AMERICANS EQUALITY DAY

OCTOBER 15, 2018

WHEREAS, residents who are blind or low vision have the right to achieve a full and independent life and access to competitive employment and equal opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Blind Americans Equality Day promotes awareness of the contributions that our residents who are blind or low vision make toward the social and economic development of our community; and

WHEREAS, on this day we celebrate all the achievements of residents who are blind or low vision and recommit ourselves to ensuring that all residents of Washington, DC have the opportunity to achieve success and reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, the white cane, guide dogs, and assistive technology are tools and key to greater mobility, independence, and dignity for citizens who are blind or low vision; and

WHEREAS, all residents should utilize compassion when approaching a citizen using a white cane or guide dog:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF WASHINGTON, DC, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2018, in Washington, DC as "BLIND AMERICANS EQUALITY DAY."

