

**STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

**WHITE CANE PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the white cane, which every blind citizen of our state has the right to carry, demonstrates and symbolizes the ability to achieve a full and independent life and the capacity to work productively in competitive employment; and

**WHEREAS**, the white cane, by allowing every blind person to move freely and safely from place to place, makes it possible for the blind to fully participate in and contribute to our society; and

**WHEREAS**, every citizen should be aware that the law requires that motorists exercise appropriate caution when approaching a blind person carrying a white cane; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clinton law also calls upon employers, both public and private, to be aware of and utilize the employment skills of our blind citizens by recognizing their worth as individuals and their productive capacities; and

**WHEREAS**, THE City of Clinton, through its public agencies and with the cooperative assistance of the West Central Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind of Oklahoma, can look forward to a continued expansion of employment opportunities for and greater acceptance of blind persons in the competitive labor market;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Seth Adams, Mayor of the City of Clinton, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2014 as

**WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY**

In the City of Clinton, Oklahoma and do call upon our schools, colleges, and universities to offer full opportunities for training to blind persons; upon employers and the public to utilize the available skills of competent blind persons and to open new opportunities for the blind in our rapidly changing society; and upon all citizens to recognize the white cane as an instrument of safety and self-help for blind pedestrians on our streets and highways.

Signed and sealed this 7th day of October, 2014.

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Seth Adams, Mayor of the City of Clinton, OK

ATTEST:

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Lisa Anders, City Clerk