STATE OF MICHIGAN

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN,
I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim

April 24 – May 3, 2026
as
WHITE CANE WEEK

WHEREAS, the white cane has become an international symbol, identifying individuals who are blind or who have low vision and alerting Michigan drivers to observe caution for the safety of drivers and pedestrians alike; and,

WHEREAS, for decades, White Cane Week efforts have supported projects and organizations that benefit people who are blind or who have low vision and help provide examinations, eyeglasses, and white canes to those in need; and,

WHEREAS, during this week, we encourage Michiganders to learn more about White Cane Week and support projects and services that facilitate the independence of people who are blind or who have low vision; and,

WHEREAS, the Lions Club of Michigan is an organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all people, particularly Michiganders who are blind or who have low vision, and providing them opportunities to achieve greater autonomy; and,

WHEREAS, we recognize the dedicated volunteers of the Lions Club of Michigan for their continued commitment to community service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim April 24 – May 4, 2026 as White Cane Week in Michigan.

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor