

**PROCLAMATION  
WHITE CANE WEEK  
April 24 - May 3, 2009**

**WHEREAS**, The first White Cane ordinance passed in December 1930 in Peoria, Illinois, giving blind pedestrians protection and the right-of-way while carrying a white cane; and

**WHEREAS**, At the 1931 convention held in Toronto, the Lions Clubs International promoted the white cane as a protective device for the blind; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1937, Donald Shuur, a Detroit area Lion, sent a proposal to the Michigan Legislature, making the white cane a symbol to protect blind persons in Michigan. It was signed into law by Governor Frank Murphy in March 1937; and

**WHEREAS**, Since that time, Governors of Michigan continue to proclaim the last weekend in April through the first weekend in May as **White Cane Week**. During that week, Lions all over Michigan sell White Cane pins throughout their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, We applaud the newly formed **Troy Community Lions Club** for their participation in **White Cane Week**, seeking to raise awareness and money to provide goods and services to persons with disabilities, young people, civic organizations, and others in the community with special needs; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Troy City Council does hereby proclaim **April 24 - May 3, 2009 as White Cane Week** in the City of Troy, Michigan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the City Council calls upon all citizens, community agencies, organizations and businesses to encourage all citizens of Troy to help support the **Troy Community Lions Club during White Cane Week** and throughout the year.

Presented this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2009.