

# CITY OF SPOKANE



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Blind Americans Equality Day began as White Cane Safety Day, authorized by Congress in 1964 designating October 15 of each year to recognize the contributions of people who are blind or have low vision; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Spokane understands that people who are blind or have low vision can learn the skills to live independently, maintain their role in the family, have gainful and meaningful employment, and participate fully in their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Spokane values the contributions of people with vision loss, supports the full participation of people with vision loss in the family, workplace, and community, and celebrates the long white cane and dog guide as essential travel tools as well as symbols of freedom and independence:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the people of Spokane, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2024 as

### **BLIND AMERICANS EQUALITY DAY**

in Spokane and encourage all residents to value the talents and abilities of people with vision loss.

I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of Spokane,  
do hereunto set my hand and  
cause the seal of the City of Spokane  
to be affixed this  
14th day of October 2024.

*Lisa Brown*

Lisa Brown  
Mayor

