

Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Lawrence, Kansas

- WHEREAS:** *The National Federation of the Blind was founded in 1940 to end discrimination against the blind and to secure first-class citizenship for all blind persons; and*
- WHEREAS:** *Today, the Federation, representing more than fifty thousand members across the country, continues to work to secure equal rights and opportunities for the blind; and*
- WHEREAS:** *The National Federation of the Blind works to change attitudes about blindness by providing information about blindness to parents, teachers, school administrators, to business, political, social, and civic leaders, and to the general public; and*
- WHEREAS:** *Since blind people and blindness are still frequently misunderstood, the National Federation of the Blind has developed a public education campaign, Meet the Blind Month, to create opportunities for the people of Kansas and people everywhere, to learn firsthand that blind people are basically like everyone else;*

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, Leslie Soden, Mayor of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2017 to be*

“MEET THE BLIND MONTH”

And October 15, 2017 to be

“WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY”

in Lawrence.

Leslie Soden, Mayor

October 10, 2017