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Event to celebrate symbol of independence for persons with visual impairments

MOBILE – An upcoming event in Mobile will spotlight and celebrate the white cane as a tool for independence and a symbol of equal access and opportunity for thousands of Alabamians with visual impairments.

White Cane Day will be commemorated Friday, Oct. 14, with a free event organized by the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services (ADRS) and the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind (AIDB).

The focus of the celebration is the White Cane Day Walk, which will take participants from the Mobile Marriott Hotel, 3101 Airport Blvd., to the Target entrance at the Shoppes of Bel Air. Following the walk, festivities will include presenters speaking on blind awareness, blind and low-vision exhibits, a tactile art demonstration, an obstacle course and various crafts.

The walk will begin at 12:30 p.m., with activities wrapping up at 3 p.m.

White Cane Day has been observed nationally on Oct. 15 since 1964.

The Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services is the state agency whose mission is to enable Alabama's children and adults with disabilities to achieve their maximum potential.

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