

WHITE CANE MONTH

***WHEREAS**, Lions International was founded in 1917, and since that time has grown to be one of the world's largest service organizations; and*

***WHEREAS**, Glendale is fortunate to have the Glendale Sunrise Lions Club, the Glendale Evening Longhaven Lions Club, and the Glendale Bellair Lions Club provide services throughout our city; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Lions Clubs' motto is "We Serve" and are recognized for their efforts to serve the blind and youth through their commitment to sight conservation and numerous programs to fulfill the needs of youth; and*

***WHEREAS**, in 1927, the white cane became a well-recognized symbol for the blind and near-blind, and the Lions have used this symbol in their fund-raising efforts on behalf of the sight impaired; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Lions Clubs spend countless hours every year raising much-needed funds to purchase eyeglasses for Glendale children and promote sight conservation citywide.*

***NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Elaine M. Scruggs, Mayor of the City of Glendale, Arizona, on behalf of the City Council do hereby proclaim February 2009, as*

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to express our sincere appreciation to all those who volunteer with the Lions Clubs.

In witness hereof, I hereunto set my hand this February 24, 2009.