

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 Bellair Lions Club provide services throughout our city; and

WHEREAS, the Lions are recognized for their efforts on behalf of the blind, elderly and youth, their holiday adopt a family program, and a wide range of special projects for the benefit of the entire community; 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 2008, as

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honoring the numerous achievements of the blind and visually impaired citizens and to express our sincere appreciation to all those who volunteer with the Lions Clubs.

In witness hereof, I hereunto set my hand this January 22, 2008.