

**CITY OF CHARLOTTE**  
**PROCLAMATION 2016-03**

**WHEREAS,** *the Lions Club International is a network of 1.3 million men and women in 200 countries and geographic areas who work together to address the needs that challenge communities around the world; and*

**WHEREAS,** *the Lions Clubs are especially known for their work to end preventable blindness and provide the blind and other visually impaired people with the tools they need to succeed; and*

**WHEREAS,** *there are over 18,000 blind people in Michigan who are dependent upon a White Cane or a Leader Dog; and*

**WHEREAS,** *the Charlotte Lions Club has worked with the visually handicapped in our community for more than 70 years; and*

**WHEREAS,** *the Charlotte Lions Club will be conducting their White Cane Drive between April 29 through May 8, 2016 to collect funds to address all manners of visual handicaps; and*

**WHEREAS,** *the generosity of the eye care professionals in our community allows the Lions Club to provide a pair of glasses to someone in need; and*

**WHEREAS,** *the Charlotte Lions have chosen to invite individuals, other civic clubs, employee groups, churches, and any other interested group to partner with them this year to address a growing number of requests for assistance with eye glasses.*

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** *that the Charlotte City Council encourages the citizens of Charlotte to support this White Cane Drive and assist the Lions Club in their effort to provide the blind and low-income members of our community with eyeglasses and other equipment needed to live their lives with the highest level of independence possible.*

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Tim Lewis  
Mayor