

# Proclamation

## Deafblind Awareness Month - June, 2022

**WHEREAS** deafblindness is a unique information-gathering disability that incorporates the dual-sensory loss of both sight and hearing. Individuals who are deafblind can live full, meaningful lives as independently as possible with the right supports in place, such as Intervenor Services; and

**WHEREAS** the National Deafblind Awareness Working Group is led by groups and organizations in NL and across Canada that support individuals who are deafblind to increase their independence and improve their quality of life through specialized services; and

**WHEREAS** the National Deafblind Awareness Working Group encourages the promotion of deafblindness and National Deafblind Awareness Month, including flag raisings and lighting up of local landmarks in communities across Canada; and

**WHEREAS** June is the birth month of Helen Keller, a person who was deafblind, known around the world for her perseverance and achievements and an inspiration to the deafblind community; and

**WHEREAS** June should be designated as Deafblind Awareness Month to recognize and celebrate the contributions that individuals who are deafblind make in their communities throughout NL with the support of intervenors who serve as a bridge to communication for individuals who are deafblind;

**THEREFORE:** I, Mayor Danny Breen, do hereby proclaim the month of June as Deafblind Awareness Month in the City of St. John's.

Signed at City Hall, St. John's, NL on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2022.



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Danny Breen, Mayor

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