

Proclamation

National Deafblind Awareness Month June 2021

WHEREAS: Deafblindness is a unique disability that incorporates the 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 Canadian Helen Keller Centre is a not-for-profit organization that supports individuals who are deafblind to increase their independence and improve their quality of life through specialized services; and

WHEREAS: Everyone is encouraged to help promote deafblindness by attending an awareness event and proclaiming June as **National Deafblind Awareness Month** in your community and checking out the calendar of events at www.deafblindnetworkontario.com that includes flag raisings and lighting up of local landmarks in communities across Canada; and

WHEREAS: June should be designated as **National Deafblind Awareness Month** to recognize and celebrate the contributions that individuals who are deafblind make in their communities 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 June 2021, as **National Deafblind Awareness Month** in the City of St. John's.

Signed at City Hall, St. John's, NL on this 31st day of May, 2021.



Danny Breen, Mayor