June is National Deafblind Awareness Month
We are making a wave from coast to coast to raise awareness. Landmark's are being lit blue on June 3 and city/towns are proclaiming June as National Deafblind Awareness Month.
We would be honoured if you would join us in raising awareness.

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On December 21, 2000, the Ontario Legislature officially proclaimed the month of June in each year as Deaf-Blind Awareness Month, to recognize that "Deafblindness is a unique disability that incorporates the sensory loss of both sight and hearing" and was created to help "recognize that increased public awareness of this disability is crucial to increase opportunities for those who live with it."

More recently, the Canadian Senate passed a motion on May 28, 2015 also recognizing June as Deafblind Awareness Month across Canada. This motion helps "to promote public awareness of deafblind issues and to recognize the contribution of Canadians who are deafblind."

June is also the birth month of Helen Keller, an internationally recognized person who lived with deafblindness.

Join us in celebrating National Deafblind Awareness Month in communities across Ontario by attending an event near you. A list of events occurring nationally can be found at www.deafblindnetworkontario.com.

Founded in 1992, Canadian Helen Keller Centre is a non-profit organization providing affordable housing, training, intervenor services, and community services to persons who are deafblind.

To learn more, visit www.chkc.org.
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, 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, (your name), Mayor of the City of (your city), do hereby proclaim June as National Deafblind Awareness Month in (your city).