



Proclamation

Deafblind Awareness Month

June 2023

WHEREAS Deaf blindness is a unique information-gathering disability that incorporates the dual-sensory loss of both sight and hearing; and

WHEREAS individuals who are deafblind can live full, meaningful lives as independently as possible with the right supports in place, such as Intervenor services that serve as a bridge to communication for individuals who are deafblind; and

WHEREAS led by groups and organizations in British Columbia and across Canada that support individuals who are deafblind to increase their independence and improve their quality of life through specialized services, the National Deafblind Awareness Committee encourages the promotion of deafblindness and National Deafblind Awareness Month, including flag raisings and lighting up of local landmarks; 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 who remains an inspiration to the deafblind community; and

WHEREAS Deafblind Awareness Month is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the contributions that individuals who are deafblind make in their communities throughout British Columbia with the support of Intervenor services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Brenda Locke, do hereby declare June 2023 as "Deafblind Awareness Month" in the City of Surrey.

Mayor Brenda Locke
City of Surrey