



PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL DEAFBLIND AWARENESS MONTH

JUNE 2024

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 Ontario 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 Ontario with the support of intervenors who serve as a bridge to communication for individuals who are deafblind.

THEREFORE, I, Ann Lawlor, Mayor, of the Town of Halton Hills do hereby proclaim June 2024 as **National Deafblind Awareness Month**.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann Lawlor".

Ann Lawlor
Mayor, Town of Halton Hills