



# PROCLAMATION

- Whereas,* On December 21, 2000, the Ontario Legislature officially proclaimed the month of June in each year as National Deafblind 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"; and
- Whereas,* June is also the birth month of Helen Keller, an internationally recognized person who lived with deafblindness. 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,* DeafBlind Ontario Services is a not-for-profit organization that helps individuals who are deafblind increase their independence and improve their quality of life through specialized services. With residential locations and community services programs across the province, their services extend into a wide range of communities in Ontario; 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; and
- Therefore,* I, Mayor Annette Groves, on behalf of the Town of Caledon Council, do hereby proclaim

June 2023

as

"National Deafblind Awareness Month"

*in the Town of Caledon and do commend its thoughtful observance to all citizens of our municipality.*

*Mayor Annette Groves, Town of Caledon*