



Proclamation

June 2020

Deafblind Awareness Month

Whereas, 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"; and

Whereas, June is also the birth month of Helen Keller, an internationally recognized person who lived with deafblindness; 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, 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. To learn more, visit deafblindontario.com; and

Whereas, National Deafblind Awareness Month is celebrated in communities across Ontario. A list of events can be found at www.deafblindnetworkontario.com; 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;

Now Therefore, I, **Mayor Sandy Brown**, do hereby proclaim **June 2020** as "Deafblind Awareness Month" in the Town of Orangeville.

Sandy Brown
Mayor