



## CITY OF VICTORIA

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# PROCLAMATION

### “DEAFBLIND AWARENESS MONTH”

- 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 Committee is 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; and*
- WHEREAS** *the National Deafblind Awareness Committee 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 British Columbia with the support of Intervenors who serve as a bridge to communication for individuals who are deafblind.*

**NOW, THEREFORE** *I do hereby proclaim the month of June 2021 as “**DEAFBLIND AWARENESS MONTH**” on the HOMELANDS of the Lekwungen speaking **SONGHEES AND ESQUIMALT PEOPLE** in the **CITY OF VICTORIA, CAPITAL CITY** of the **PROVINCE** of **BRITISH COLUMBIA**.*

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, *I hereunto set my hand this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.*

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**LISA HELPS**  
**MAYOR**  
**CITY OF VICTORIA**  
**BRITISH COLUMBIA**

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