



PROCLAMATION

Deafblind Awareness Month

- WHEREAS deafblindness 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 I, Mayor Michelle Staples of the City of Duncan, do hereby proclaim June 2024 as “Deafblind Awareness Month” in the City of Duncan.*

Dated this 20th day of February, 2024.

Michelle Staples, Mayor