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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; 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 improve quality of life and 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 through specialized services, the National Deafblind Awareness Committee encourages the promotion of deafblindness understanding 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 2025 as “Deafblind Awareness Month” in the City of Duncan.*

*Dated this 12th day of May, 2025.*

*Michelle Staples, Mayor*