



# Sensity

Deafblind and Sensory

Support Network of Canada

Réseau canadien de soutien à la

surdicécité et troubles sensoriels

## PROCLAMATION

June 1-30, 2021 as Deafblind Awareness Month

**WHEREAS;** On Dec. 21, 2000, the Ontario Legislature officially proclaimed the month of June in each year as 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;** More recently, the Canadian Senate passed a motion on May 28, 2015 also recognizing June as Deafblind Awareness Month across Canada. This motion helps "to promote public awareness of deafblind issues and to recognize the contribution of Canadians who are deafblind"; and

**WHEREAS;** June is also the birth month of Helen Keller, an internationally recognized person who was deafblind; and

**WHEREAS;** National Deafblind Awareness Month is celebrated in communities across Ontario and Canada; and

**WHEREAS;** Sensity Deafblind and Sensory Support Network of Canada is a not-for-profit organization with a rich history of providing services and supports to people who are deafblind. Sensity is proud to be recognized within Ontario, Canada and around the world as a leader in the provision of Intervenor Services, the specialized role of those working with people who are deafblind, to enable each individual to communicate with the world around them in their own unique way, to be heard and understood; and

**WHEREAS;** Sensity provides community and family programs across the province, including County of Brant where 20 individuals who are deafblind live in a unique residential setting; 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;



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Now Therefore, I, Mayor David Bailey, do hereby proclaim June 2021 as  
Deafblind Awareness Month in the County of Brant.