



## PROCLAMATION

### **National Deafblind Awareness Month** **June 2020**

**Whereas** deafblindness is a unique disability that incorporates the 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 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** everyone is encouraged to help promote deafblindness by attending an awareness event and proclaiming June as National Deafblind Awareness Month in your community and checking out the calendar of events at [www.deafblindnetworkontario.com](http://www.deafblindnetworkontario.com) that includes flag raisings and lighting up of local landmarks in communities across Canada; 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;

**Therefore**, I, Mayor Bryan Paterson, hereby proclaim the month of June 2020 to be "National Deafblind Awareness Month" in the City of Kingston.

**Dated** at Kingston this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

Bryan Paterson  
Mayor