



Canada  
Province of British Columbia  
A Proclamation

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom,  
Canada and Her other Realms and Territories, Queen, Head of the  
Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith

**To all to whom these presents shall come – Greeting**

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 KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that June 2021 shall be known as

**“Deafblind Awareness Month”**

in the Province of British Columbia.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province of British Columbia to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, The Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this thirteenth day of May, two thousand twenty-one and in the seventieth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General and  
Minister Responsible for Housing  
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

Lieutenant Governor