PROCLAMATION

National Deafblind Awareness Month

WHEREAS: On December 21, 2000, the Ontario legislature officially proclaimed the month of June 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."

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."

June is also the birth month of Helen Keller, an internationally recognized person who was deafblind.

Throughout the month, community objects across the country will be yarn bombed, a form of street art where yarn that is knit, crochet, or wrapped, adorns an object in a public space. This large scale global tactile arts project symbolizes the coming together of people in the field of deafblindness, with the goal of raising awareness and knowledge about this unique disability.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Patrick Brown, on behalf of Brampton City Council, do hereby proclaim June 2023 as “National Deafblind Awareness Month” in the City of Brampton.

Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton