



## **PROCLAMATION**

### **DEAFBLIND AWARENESS MONTH June 2024**

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, THEREFORE, I, Leonard Krog, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2024 as:

### **DEAFBLIND AWARENESS MONTH**

in the City of Nanaimo, Province of British Columbia.

  
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Leonard Krog  
MAYOR  
Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2024

