WHEREAS... Helen Keller was one of the most accomplished, respected and renowned Americans who was DeafBlind, and

WHEREAS... Having a combined hearing and vision loss has been estimated to affect more than 2.4 million people in the United States, and

WHEREAS... It is in the interest of the __________ (state, city, community) to encourage the full participation of individuals with dual sensory disabilities in our economy by fostering the employment of, and promoting of housing and recreational options for, people who are DeafBlind – thus maximizing their opportunities for a productive life in the community of their choice, and

WHEREAS... Today, people who are DeafBlind are attending college, participating in social activities, managing their everyday life and actively engaged in their communities through employment and civic activities.

WHEREAS... It is highly appropriate and necessary to publicize the abilities and potential of our fellow citizens who are DeafBlind, or have a combined hearing and vision loss, and to recognize Helen Keller as a guiding example of courage, hope, determination and achievement for other individuals who are DeafBlind.

Now, therefore, I __________, governor/mayor/elected official of the state (city) of ________, in recognition thereof, do hereby proclaim June 26-July 2, 2022 as "HELEN KELLER DEAFBLIND AWARENESS WEEK" in ________ (city/state).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the state (city) of _____ to be affixed this _____ day of 2022.