HELEN KELLER DEAFBLIND AWARENESS WEEK

June 25th-July 1st, 2023

*Sample Proclamation*

TO: Your organization (Name)

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**WHEREAS…** Helen Keller was one of the most accomplished, respected and renowned Americans who are 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 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 25-JULY 1, 2023 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 2023.