



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Helen Keller was one of the most accomplished, respected and renowned Americans who was Deaf-Blind; and

WHEREAS, the combined loss of vision and hearing, one of the most severe of all disabilities, affects more than 2.4 million people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the State of New Jersey to encourage the full participation of Americans with multi-sensory disabilities in our economy by fostering the employment of, and promoting housing and recreational options for, people who are Deaf-Blind, all of which maximize their opportunities for an empowered, productive life in the community of their choice; and

WHEREAS, today, people who are Deaf-Blind are attending college, participating in social activities, managing their everyday lives and actively engaging in their communities through employment, civic and recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, the above-named organizations support this effort and offer a continued commitment to expanded, inclusionary opportunities for those who are Deaf-Blind; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate and necessary to publicize the abilities and potential of our fellow citizens who are Deaf-Blind, or severely vision and hearing-impaired, and to recognize Helen Keller as a guiding example of courage, hope, determination, ability and achievement for other individuals who are Deaf-Blind, as well as the larger community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

JUNE 21 THROUGH JUNE 27, 2020


AS

HELEN KELLER DEAF-BLIND AWARENESS WEEK

in New Jersey.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this sixteenth day June in the year two thousand twenty, the two hundred forty-fourth year of the Independence of the United States.


Lt. GOVERNOR


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