

PROCLAMATION

FORNEY



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Whereas, Deaf-Blindness is a unique information-gathering disability that incorporates the dual sensory loss of both sight and hearing. 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 City of Forney 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 communities through employment and civic activities; and

Whereas, June is the birth month of Helen Keller, a person who was Deaf-Blind, known around the world for her perseverance and achievements and as inspiration to the Deaf-Blind community; and

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, Amanda Lewis, Mayor of the City of Forney, Texas, on behalf of the City Council, hereby declare June 26 – July 2 as

Helen Keller DeafBlind Awareness Week

in the City of Forney, and I call upon all citizens and civic organizations to acquaint themselves with all aspects, issues and challenges involved with being a deaf-blind person in today's society.

In Witness Whereof, I have set my hand and official seal this 7th day of June, 2022.

Amanda Lewis, Mayor