

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing June 26 to July 2, 2022, as Kentucky DeafBlind  
2 Awareness Week.

3 WHEREAS, for children and youth who are DeafBlind, access to the world around  
4 them is impacted, including access to information, communication, environment,  
5 relationships, and more; and

6 WHEREAS, the combination of hearing and vision loss is referred to as dual  
7 sensory loss or DeafBlind. This term often elicits images of Helen Keller, and describes  
8 individuals who have a combination of hearing and vision loss in varying degrees; and

9 WHEREAS, Kentuckians are working together to understand the support needed  
10 for individuals who are DeafBlind to have access to the world. Education and training  
11 need to be provided for all who are working with these individuals to become  
12 independent and successful. Services must be available for hospital staff, early childhood  
13 educators, school teams, families, vocational rehabilitation specialists, and communities;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, setting high expectations and renewing Kentucky's support and  
16 commitment to those high expectations needs to be a priority; and

17 WHEREAS, Kentucky DeafBlind Awareness Week is a time to recognize  
18 individuals who are DeafBlind across the Commonwealth and acknowledge their many  
19 faces. Those experiencing deafblindness are diverse in their families, jobs, homes,  
20 communication, hearing, vision, and access. This week is to celebrate that diversity and  
21 highlight accomplishments within the DeafBlind community; and

22 WHEREAS, as Helen Keller once said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can  
23 do so much";

24 NOW, THEREFORE,

25 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***  
26 ***Kentucky:***

27 ➔Section 1. The Senate does hereby recognize June 26 to July 2, 2022. as

1 Kentucky DeafBlind Awareness Week.

2       ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in celebration of  
3 Kentucky DeafBlind Awareness Week.

4       ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
5 Resolution to Senator Julie Raque Adams for delivery.