

DEAF-BLIND AWARENESS WEEK 2014

Whereas Massachusetts is highly accomplished, respected, and well-known for its services to deaf-blind children, youth, and adults, and

Whereas It is highly appropriate and necessary to publicize to others the abilities and potential of fellow citizens who are deaf-blind, or severely visually and hearing impaired, and to recognize them as an example of courage, hope, determination and achievement, and

Whereas We encourage the citizens of the Commonwealth to promote education, employment, housing and recreational options for people who are deaf-blind, thus maximizing their opportunities for a productive life in the community and lifestyle of their choice,

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim June 22th – 28th, 2014, to be

Deaf-Blind Awareness Week

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

The event is scheduled for April 3, 2014. We would be honored to have the Governor appear to present the Proclamation.