

## City of Newark

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## **Legislation Text**

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**Dept/ Agency:** Offices of Municipal Council/City Clerk **Action:** ( ) Ratifying (X) Authorizing ( ) Amending

Type of Service: Declaring Intent

Purpose: Blindness Awareness Month - October 2019

Additional Information:

Sponsor: Council President, Mildred C. Crump

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey became a trailblazer in 1910, with the establishment of the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CBVI), one of the nation's first State agencies dedicated exclusively to the unique educational, vocational and day-to-day life needs of people who are blind or visually impaired; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that over 259,000 New Jersey residents live with blindness or severe vision loss; and

**WHEREAS,** the mission of the CBVI is to promote and provide services in the areas of education, employment, independence and eye health through informed choice and partnership with persons who are blind or visually impaired, their families, and the community; and

**WHEREAS**, CBVI has always recognized the importance of providing services that facilitate access to opportunities that will enable people with vision loss to obtain their fullest measure of self-reliance and improved quality of life and is also actively involved in ensuring their treatment as individuals with dignity and worth who are fully integrated into their community; and

**WHEREAS,** CBVI continues to work in partnership with consumers and all individuals and organizations that share their goal to prepare for the promise of the future while promoting the vast reservoir of talent and ability represented by people who are blind or visually impaired.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

- 1. The Municipal Council proclaims the month of October, as Blindness Awareness Month throughout the City of Newark, New Jersey.
- 2. A copy of this resolution shall be filed with the Office of the City Clerk.

## STATEMENT

This resolution proclaims Municipal Council support of Blindness Awareness Month to create awareness of the unique educational, vocational and day-to-day life needs of people who are blind or

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visually impaired for the month of October 2019 throughout the City of Newark, New Jersey.