

NFB DeafBlind Division
2020 NFB National Convention Presidential Report
July 9, 2020

Welcome all to the DeafBlind Division of the National Federation of the Blind Business Meeting

Here's a brief rundown of my presidential duties and engagements pertinent items will be posted on the division website (Insert a workable link please)

A motion by a DeafBlind Division Board member:

June 4, 2020, I, Mark Gasaway, move that the NFB DeafBlind Division members accept the Division Constitution as amended June 2018, approved by the National Office in September 2019 and approved by the DeafBlind Division Board in May 2020.

The amendment was to adjust the staggered election year intervals. These adjustments permitted support from the National Federation of the Blind to uphold our non conventional board rotations to ensure that elections for the board could change smoothly and maintain consistent key members sometimes longer than the usual two year term. This change would ensure the entire NFBDB board was not changed all at once. Instead only a few board members will change.

The Division Board will notify all members of the results by Monday, June 22, 2020.

NFB DeafBlind Division's amended Constitution was accepted by full membership as required by our [Constitution](#).

New Jersey's very own Alice Eaddy will be featured on the upcoming "*Feeling Through Experience*" Facebook Live episode!

Topic: Black DeafBlind Advocate Alice Eaddy

When: Friday, June 5th

Time: 2:00 PM EST

Facebook link: <https://facebook.com/feelingthrough>

YouTube link: <https://youtube.com/feelingthrough>

In New Jersey the DeafBlind Celebrated Our Fabulous Selves!!

Our DeafBlind Awareness Week partner Eyes Like Mine is celebrating DeafBlind Women Crush Wednesday, June 24!

Facebook page, Eyes Like Mine featured the accomplishments of up to 4 fabulous deafblind women

Here you are!!!

<https://www.facebook.com/eyeslikemineinc/posts/our-second-woman-crush-wednesday-is-alice-eaddyalice-eaddy-is-an-example-of-livi/3407180229305795>

I was part of the technical team that put together the DeafBlind Virtual Happy Hour on June 26!

Spearheaded by DB CAN NJ (DeafBlind Community Access Network of New Jersey, Inc) along with **Eyes Like Mine, Inc president, Krystle Allen**.

DB CAN NJ led the effort again this year to have DB Awareness Week recognized in NJ. They submitted a proclamation to Gov Murphy's office for his review and signature. They have 10 nonprofits supporting the request and the NFB DeafBlind Division was pleased to be the eleventh to sign on. It made it through and was signed.

Great Wednesday, June 17th everyone!

I'm pleased to let you know that yesterday Governor Murphy signed our DeafBlind Awareness Week Proclamation! That means it was signed June 16th!

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Eaddy, President
DeafBlind Division of the National Federation of the Blind