



**WHEREAS**, the National Federation of the Blind, in 2016 reported 7,675,600 people in the United States, 4,037,600 people between the ages of 16 to 64, and more than 40% of the workforce, to have a visual disability; and

WHEREAS, the number of non-institutionalized, male or female persons with a visual disability, all ages, all races, regardless of ethnicity, in all education levels in California, is 797,300; and

