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Jeanne Lavelle Northern Virginia Association of the Deaf September is National Deaf Awareness month in recognizing and celebrating Deaf Awareness month theme, "Love and Trust" for 2024. and we invite you to join us in celebrating and advocating for the deaf and hard-of-hearing community!

The Virginia Association of the Deaf (VAD), our mission is to raise awareness and understanding of the unique communication needs and vibrant identities of those who are deaf or hard of hearing. By fostering empathy and support, we strive to ensure that everyone receives the recognition and resources they truly deserve.

Ready to make a difference? Visit www.vad.org to register for membership, learn more about our organization, get involved with our many community events, or make a donation. Together, let's create a world where every voice is heard and valued.

There are ways you can support the Deaf community by getting involved in Deaf Awareness month include: learning Deaf culture, taking ASL class taught by Deaf instructor, attending Deaf events including not to be limit, ASL social, supporting Deaf Business and Artists, educating others and advocating for Accessibility.

VAD, founded in 1884, beholds our rights to stay protected and upholds the mission statement in promoting, protecting, and preserving the rights and the quality of lives of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Individuals in the Commonwealth of Virginia. VAD is all volunteerisms. We need YOU to join VAD, invest your time, and make a difference for our folks and especially Deaf children.