**AER Resolution 2022-06: Setting Forth AER's Primary Federal Legislative and Regulatory Agenda for the 2022-2024 Biennium**

Now therefore be it resolved by the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired (AER) on this the 24th day of July, 2022, in the city of St. Louis, MO, that AER, through its Board of Directors and staff, pledges to our members, friends and allies, our commitment to the following primary federal legislative and regulatory objectives for the 2022-2024 biennium:

U.S. congressional Passage of the Alice Cogswell and Anne Sullivan Macy Act, or the most critical components thereof, to affect the most impactful systems change possible for the improvement of special education and related services for children and youth who are blind or visually impaired and who may also have additional disabilities.

Issuance of updated comprehensive policy guidance from the U.S. Department of Education concerning all students, from birth through post-secondary education, who are or should be receiving services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), guidance that was last updated June 8, 2000.

Introduction and progress toward enactment of Teddie-Joy's Law, comprehensive legislation to promote public awareness of, and investment in, aging and vision loss services, to dramatically increase long-term funding for the Title VII, Chapter 2,, "older blind program," and for other essential purposes.

Advocacy for increases in federal appropriations supporting the American Printinghouse for the Blind, and potential expansion of the population eligible for products and services made possible by such funding.

Exploration of Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and Rehabilitation Act amendments to remedy targetted statutory and regulatory defects negatively impacting service delivery to clients who are blind or visually impaired.

Pursuit of additional funding for personnel preparation programs supported under IDEA and the Rehab Act.

Endorsement as appropriate of the legislative and regulatory objectives of AER-allied organizations, particularly with respect to website accessibility, access to mainstream medical, voting, entertainment and productivity technologies, and related matters.

ADOPTED