

# Bill of Rights for Sight... for Life

## Preamble

*In order to affirm the rights of millions of visually impaired citizens under the Constitution of the United States of America, to prevent immediate or future abuse or discrimination, the following clauses should be added; and as extending the ground of public confidence in the Government, will best insure the beneficent ends of its institution.*

1. **Right** to be treated with dignity, respect, love and care even if born with a vision loss.
2. **Right** to have my vision protected against unnecessary hazards to further sight loss; such as extraordinary light in the nursery in the hospital where I was born, and continuing throughout my life to each and every environment I experience.
3. **Right** to have brothers and sisters who may be just like me and some who are not like me.
4. **Right** to be taught how to learn as other children do. I have the right to write my name, to learn to speak, to read words, to have those words translated into a language that I can learn; either large print, audio cassette, talking computer, or braille.
5. **Right** to attend public schools with children who may or may not be blind or have a visual impairment.
6. **Right** to have access and extra light and audio signals in dangerous areas that I must travel.
7. **Right** to be allowed to try any sport that I believe I can perform without injury to my person or others.
8. **Right** to have all of my ballots and voting materials printed in large print, audio cassette, accessible by talking computer, or in braille.
9. **Right** to have materials that are translated into bilingual language be translated into my language, which is large print, audio, talking computer, or braille.
10. **Right** to access currency which is written in the medium that I read and can make others understand, such as braille, or specially marked bills.
11. **Right** to have others be educated so they will learn to accept and adjust to my impairment so that I can have a fair chance to live life as they do.
12. **Right** to walk with another in a sighted guide technique and to be understood.
13. **Right** to have the mail, such as utility and other bills printed in a form that is readable by me, such as braille, large print, or audio cassette so that I can read and understand my mail.
14. **Right** to sight... for life.

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