

DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Proclamation No. 25-1294 In Honor of National Service Dog Month

WHEREAS, We believe in the joyful, transformative power of the human-canine bond and inclusivity of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, In the United States, 70 million adults have a disability and only 16,000 service dogs from accredited training programs exist nationwide and the need is growing; and

WHEREAS, Canine Companions created the service dog for people with physical disabilities 50 years ago in 1975, creating a new kind of support for disability; and

WHEREAS, Canine Companions is a nonprofit organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing expertly-trained service dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships, free of charge; and

WHEREAS, Service dog training organizations and their service dogs empower people with disabilities to lead life with greater independence by providing best-in-class training, ongoing follow up services and a deeply committed community of support; and

WHEREAS, National Service Dog Month aims to educate our community about the benefits of service dogs and the laws protecting their handlers; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of Denver, Colorado continues to work toward becoming an inclusive community in which all citizens, and their trained service dogs, are embraced.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the Council of the City and County of Denver proclaims September to be National Service Dog Month.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Canine Companions.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL September 8, 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Amursh P. Sandoval".

PRESIDENT

