

# 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

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PRESIDENT

