



**Proclamation No. 24-1136
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, 64 million adults and children have a disability and only 16,000 service dogs from accredited training programs exist nationwide. What's more, the need continues to grow; and

WHEREAS, organizations that train service dogs enhance the lives of people with disabilities by providing expertly-trained service dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships; and

WHEREAS, service dogs, service dog organizations, and the legions of donors and volunteers 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 them; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY DENVER CITY COUNCIL:

Section 1. That the Denver City Council does hereby proclaim September as National Service Dog month.

Section 2. That the Clerk and Recorder of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this Proclamation and transmit copies to Canine Companions and to Denver Animal Protection as a token of our deep appreciation and gratitude.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL September 9, 2024

PRESIDENT

