



Proclamation No. 23-1210
A Proclamation Recognizing National Service Dog Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, We believe in the joyful, transformative power of the human-canine bond and inclusivity of all people; 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 - and the need is growing; and

WHEREAS, Assistance Dogs International, Inc. (ADI) is a worldwide coalition of not-for-profit programs that train and place Assistance Dogs. Founded in 1986 from a group of seven small programs, ADI has become the leading international authority in the Assistance Dog industry; and

WHEREAS, accredited Service Dog 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 them; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado has passed protections for service dogs that go above and beyond the national standards, including giving service dogs in training the same protections as service dogs.

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 shall hereby declare September as 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 Grace Hardy, Program Field Representative of Canine Companions.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL September 11, 2023

PRESIDENT