



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL SERVICE DOG MONTH

- WHEREAS:** In the State of Georgia, 1 in 4 adults have a disability that impairs their day-to-day activities; and
- WHEREAS:** In their life-changing role, service dogs empower adults, children, and veterans with disabilities to lead life with greater independence; and
- WHEREAS:** Nonprofit organizations such as Canine Companions enhance the lives of people with disabilities by providing expertly-trained service dogs and ongoing support to ensure the inclusivity of all citizens; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities as well as the state's ADA Coordinator Office is committed to educating Georgians of all walks of life about the benefits of service dogs and the laws protecting them; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia celebrates trained service dogs for their invaluable impact on the everyday lives of countless Georgians; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2024, as NATIONAL SERVICE DOG MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 23rd day of July in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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