



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SERVICE DOG MONTH

- WHEREAS: In the State of Georgia, only 16,000 service dogs from accredited training programs exist nationwide to accommodate the growing need for support; and
- WHEREAS: Canine Companions is a nonprofit organization, founded in 1975, and is one of the first and largest national service providers in the nation, enhancing countless lives through accessibility to expertly trained service dogs and persistent support to ensure free, quality partnerships; and
- WHEREAS: Canine Companions 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, while upholding values of joyful, transformative power of the human-canine bond and inclusivity of all citizens; and
- WHEREAS: National Service Dog Month aims to educate the public regarding the benefits of service dogs and the laws protecting their handlers; and
- WHEREAS: In the 250th year of our nation, the State of Georgia continues to work toward becoming an inclusive atmosphere in which all citizens, and their trained service dogs, are embraced for generations to come; now
- THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2026, 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 30th day of July in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Lauren M. Curry

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