

# City of Petaluma

## Proclamation

*NATIONAL SERVICE DOG MONTH – SEPTEMBER 2024*

**WHEREAS**, National Service Dog Month is an opportunity to celebrate the joyful, transformative power of the human-canine bond and inclusivity it offers all citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, in the United States, 64 million adults and children have a disability but only 16,000 service dogs from accredited training programs exist nationwide, and the need is growing; 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, 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; 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 of Petaluma continues to work toward becoming an inclusive community in which all citizens, and their service dogs, are embraced.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Kevin McDonnell, Mayor of Petaluma, along with members of the Petaluma City Council, do hereby acknowledge September 2024 as “**NATIONAL SERVICE DOG MONTH**”, and encourage all citizens to celebrate service dogs and be respectful to the adults, children and veterans who lead more independent lives because of their assistance

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*Kevin McDonnell, Mayor*

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*Caitlin Corley, City Clerk*