

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

Kevin McDonnell, Mayor

Caitlin Corley, City Clerk