



RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL SERVICE DOG MONTH

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act allows public accommodations for service animals, which are defined as dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, before being paired with a human, each service dog requires months of training and practice; and

WHEREAS, before dogs are placed as potential companions, they must be raised in an environment that is conducive to learning; and

WHEREAS, across America, hundreds of canines are raised by volunteer puppy raisers each year who agree to provide a safe environment, attend classes, teach manners and basic commands, provide for food, veterinary expenses and transportation, and agree to give up the puppy after an 18-month time period; and

WHEREAS, Canine Companions is a non-profit 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 through their network of trained service dogs helps individuals live their lives to the fullest by providing best-in-class training, cutting-edge research and a deeply committed community of support; and

WHEREAS, the residents in the City of Berkeley believe in the joyful, transformative power of the human-canine connection; and

WHEREAS, National Service Dog Month aims to educate our community about the benefits of service dogs and the laws protecting them.

Now, therefore, in recognition of service dogs and the adults and children in our community with disabilities, I, Jesse Arreguin, do hereby recognize and declare September as

NATIONAL SERVICE DOG MONTH

I encourage all citizens to celebrate genuine service dogs and be respectful to the adults, children and veterans who lead more independent lives because of them.

Jesse Arreguin
Mayor



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