

1 [National Service Dog Month - September 2025]

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3 **Resolution declaring the month of September 2025 as National Service Dog Month in**  
4 **the City and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, The joyful, transformative power of the human-canine bond, and the  
7 inclusivity of all citizens are recognized and celebrated; and

8 WHEREAS, In the United States, 70 million adults have a disability while only 16,000  
9 service dogs from accredited training programs exist nationwide, meaning there is a growing  
10 need; and

11 WHEREAS, Canine Companions created the service dog for people with physical  
12 disabilities 50 years ago in 1975, creating a new kind of support for disability; and

13 WHEREAS, Canine Companions is a nonprofit organization that enhances the lives of  
14 people with disabilities by providing expertly-trained service dogs and ongoing support to  
15 ensure quality partnerships free of charge; and

16 WHEREAS, Canine Companions and their service dogs empower people with  
17 disabilities to lead life with greater independence by providing best-in-class training, ongoing  
18 follow up services, and a deeply committed community of support; and

19 WHEREAS, National Service Dog Month aims to educate our community about the  
20 benefits of service dogs and the laws protecting their handlers; and

21 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution recognizing  
22 September 2024 as National Service Dog Awareness Month in the City and County of San  
23 Francisco; and

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1           WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco continues to work toward becoming  
2 an inclusive community in which all citizens, and their trained service dogs, are embraced;  
3 now, therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes September 2025 as  
5 National Service Dog Month in the City and County of San Francisco in recognition of service  
6 dogs and the adults and children with disabilities in our community, and, be it

7           FURTHER RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors encourage all  
8 residents to celebrate service dogs and be respectful of the rights to safe access in our  
9 community afforded to the adults, children, and veterans who lead more independent lives  
10 because of their assistance.

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