

CITY OF SPOKANE



PROCLAMATION

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, we believe in the joyful, transformative power of the human-canine bond, National Service Dog Month aims to educate our community about the benefits of service dogs and the laws protecting them; and

WHEREAS, in the State of Washington, 1 in 8 adults have a disability and only 16,000 service dogs from accredited training programs exist nationwide and the City of Spokane continues to work toward becoming an inclusive community in which all residents, and their service dogs are respected:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the people of Spokane, do hereby proclaim September 2024 as

NATIONAL SERVICE DOG MONTH

in Spokane and encourage all residents to celebrate service dogs and be respectful of the rights to access and safety afforded to the adults, children and veterans who lead more independent lives because of their assistance.

I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of Spokane,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this
26th day of August 2024.

Lisa Brown
Mayor

