



City of Winston-Salem

Proclamation

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

- WHEREAS:** We believe in the joyful, transformative power of the human-canine bond and the inclusivity of all citizens; and
- WHEREAS:** In the United States, 64 million adults and children have a disability with only 16,000 service dogs from accredited training programs 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 a 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 Winston-Salem continues to work toward becoming an inclusive community in which all citizens and their service dogs are embraced.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. ALLEN JOINES, Mayor of the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, in recognition of service dogs and the adults and children with disabilities in our community, do hereby proclaim September 2023 as

NATIONAL SERVICE DOG MONTH

Given under my hand and seal this 5th day of September, 2023.

J. ALLEN JOINES

Mayor