

CITY OF WINTER PARK proclamation

National Service Dog Month | September 2026

WHEREAS, Canine Companions believes in the joyful, transformative power of the human-canine bond and inclusivity of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, they provide task-trained service dogs to adults, children and veterans with disabilities, and facility dogs to professionals working in healthcare, criminal justice, rehabilitation and educational settings; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, 70 million adults and children have a disability and only 16,000 service dogs from accredited training programs exist nationwide, 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, the city appreciates all the work Canine Companions and their service dogs do to empower people with disabilities to lead life with greater independence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sheila DeCiccio, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Winter Park in the state of Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of **September 2026** as “**National Service Dog Month**” in Winter Park, Florida.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Winter Park, Florida, to be affixed this 8th day of September 2026.

Sheila DeCiccio
Mayor