

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** service dogs perform invaluable roles enhancing the independence, safety, and quality of life for individuals with disabilities—providing navigation, medical alerts, mobility assistance, emotional support, and aid with daily tasks; and

**WHEREAS,** service dogs are protected under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and their tireless service benefits individuals, families, and the broader community; and

**WHEREAS,** service dogs are integral to the independence of people with disabilities, and their life-changing work deserves recognition, as well as the organizations and individuals involved in their training and support; and

**WHEREAS,** Canine Companions, which created the modern service dog concept for people with disabilities, celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2025; and

**WHEREAS,** since its first placement in 1975, Canine Companions has provided task-trained service dogs to adults, children, and veterans with disabilities, and facility dogs to professionals working in healthcare, criminal justice and educational settings; and

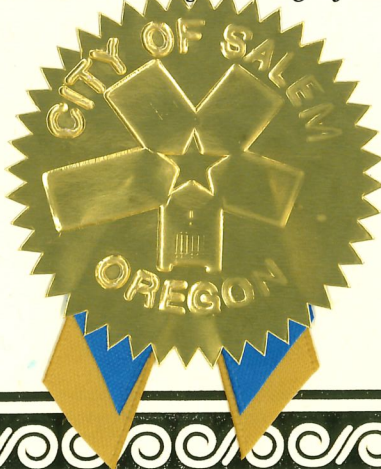
**WHEREAS,** dogs and all follow-up services are provided at no cost to clients; Canine Companions puppies are specially bred, raised and trained for their future careers; and

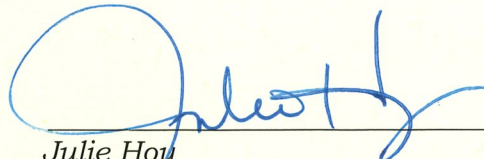
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Julie Hoy, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby recognize September 2025 as

### NATIONAL SERVICE DOG MONTH

and urge all residents to promote understanding and appreciation of service dogs and their work and also recognize the dedication of service dog teams and the organizations—trainers, puppy raisers, behaviorists, veterinarians, and nonprofits—that support them.

DATED this eighth day of September, 2025.



  
Julie Hoy  
Mayor