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**PROCLAMATION
SERVICE DOG MONTH**

***WHEREAS**, National Service Dog Month is recognized annually in September to honor and celebrate the remarkable contributions of over 16,000 service dogs across America and their invaluable role in supporting individuals with disabilities; and*

***WHEREAS**, service dogs provide essential assistance to people with physical, psychiatric, and medical conditions, enhancing their quality of life and fostering greater independence and mobility; and*

***WHEREAS**, the bond between service dogs and their handlers exemplifies trust, loyalty, and mutual support, and these animals undergo rigorous training to perform critical tasks and ensure the safety and well-being of their human partners; and*

***WHEREAS**, it is important to raise awareness about the unique needs and roles of service dogs, educate the public about these working animals, and recognize the dedication of organizations that train and support service dogs; and*

***WHEREAS**, the non-profit organization Canine Companions began training services dogs in 1975, currently serves people with over 65 different types of disabilities, and has placed over 8,000 service dog teams since their founding; and*

***WHEREAS**, during Service Dog Month, we desire to raise awareness about the important work and mission of Canine Companions, who provides service dogs and all follow-up services at no cost to clients, and we recognize the value of the countless other organizations that train and place service dogs; and*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Tarrant County Commissioners Court do hereby proclaim the month of September as Service Dog Month in Tarrant County. We encourage residents to acknowledge the contributions of service dogs and appreciate their role to improve the lives of individuals who rely on these extraordinary animals.*

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of Tarrant County to be affixed this 17th day of September 2024.*