

National Service Dog Month

This proclamation declares September 2023 to be National Service Dog Month in the City of West Chicago.

WHEREAS, We believe in the joyful, transformative power of the human-canine bond and inclusivity of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, In the United States, 64 million adults and children have a disability and only 16,000 service dogs from accredited training programs exist 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 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

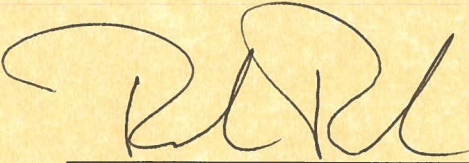
WHEREAS, The City of West Chicago continues to work toward becoming an inclusive community in which all citizens, and their service dogs, are embraced.

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of service dogs and the adults and children with disabilities in our community, I, Ruben Pineda, Mayor of the City of West Chicago, do hereby proclaim September to be

NATIONAL SERVICE DOG MONTH

I encourage all citizens to celebrate task trained service dogs and be respectful of the rights afforded to the adults, children and veterans who lead more independent lives because of their assistance.

PROCLAIMED this 5th day of September, 2023.



Ruben Pineda, Mayor

