



Proclamation

City of Liberty Lake, Washington
Declaring September, 2022 as
National Service Dog Month

WHEREAS, 61 million American adults and eight percent of American children under the age of fifteen have a disability; and

WHEREAS, service dogs are specially trained to perform specific tasks for people with disabilities as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, including but not limited to retrieving objects, assisting with balance, giving seizure or diabetic alerts and assisting those with psychiatric disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Canine Companions, a non-profit supplier of service dogs, provides specially bred, raised, and trained service dogs to adults, children and veterans with disabilities, as well as facility dogs to professionals working in healthcare, criminal justice and educational settings at no cost to their clients; and

WHEREAS, Canine Companions currently serves people with more than 65 types of disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Canine Companions has six training centers serving the entire country; and

WHEREAS, Canine Companions has more than 2,700 active teams throughout the country and has placed more than 7,300 teams since their founding in 1975; and

WHEREAS, Canine Companions has more than 450 people on their waitlist, looking to be matched with expertly trained service dogs; and

Now, therefore, we, Mayor and Councilmembers of the City of Liberty Lake, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2022, as:

National Service Dog Month

in the City of Liberty Lake, Washington, and recognize the benefits of genuine service dogs.

Dated this 20th day of September, 2022.

~~Cris Kaminskas, Mayor~~ PRO Tem
Phil Folyer