

# Proclamation

## by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** in the State of West Virginia, 1 in 10 adults have a disability and only 16,000 service dogs from accredited training programs exist nationwide; and
- Whereas,** in 1975, Canine Companions created the concept of “service dogs” to assist people with physical disabilities; 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 Great State of West Virginia continues to work toward becoming a community in which all citizens, and their trained service dogs, are embraced.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *September 2025* as:

## *National Service Dog Month*

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance.

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the First day of September, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Five, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Third Year of the State.



Patrick Morrisey  
Governor

*By the Governor:*



Kris Warner  
Secretary of State