

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

Whereas, in the United States, more than 70 million adults and children have a disability, but only 16,000 service dogs from accredited training programs exist nationwide, and the need is growing; and

Whereas, service dogs are specially trained to help people with disabilities, including veterans with physical and psychological injuries; and

Whereas, service dogs can be trained to retrieve objects, give seizure or diabetic alerts, or aid those with psychiatric disabilities—thereby empowering individuals who struggle with physical or psychological disabilities to lead life with greater independence; and

Whereas, National Service Dog Month aims to educate our community about the benefits of service dogs and the laws protecting them.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *September 2026* 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 Second Day of September, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Six, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Fourth Year of the State.



Patrick Morrisey

Governor

By the Governor:



Kris Warner

Secretary of State