

Proclamation

- Whereas,* National K9 Veterans Day was founded by Joe White, a Vietnam veteran and K9 handler, to honor the dedicated service and profound sacrifices of military, police and working dogs; and
- Whereas,* March 13 commemorates the official 1942 establishment of the US Army K9 Corps, marking a pivotal moment in the history of canine military integration; and
- Whereas,* these courageous animals provide essential support in multifaceted roles, including combat operations, search and rescue, and law enforcement; and
- Whereas,* the significance of this day continues to grow, fostering public awareness for the diverse and essential roles these dogs fulfill in both combat and domestic service.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that I, David Lesser, Mayor of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, on behalf of the City Council and the residents of Manhattan Beach, do hereby proclaim March 13, 2026, as

National K9 Veterans Day

it is a time for the public to reflect on the loyalty, bravery, and dedication of these four-legged heroes.

Dated this 3rd day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:



City Clerk Liza Tamura



Mayor David Lesser

