

## Proclamation

- 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 laws protecting them; and
- Whereas,* the City of Manhattan Beach continues to work toward becoming an inclusive community in which all citizens and their service dogs are embraced.

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved* that I, Richard Montgomery, Mayor of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, on behalf of the City Council and the residents of Manhattan Beach, do hereby proclaim September 2023, as

## 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.*

*Dated* this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

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MAYOR RICHARD MONTGOMERY

