

# Resolution No. 1100-2025

Council Members Kazy, McCormack,  
Santana, Polensek, Maurer

## AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Declaring the month of September as National Service Dog Month in the City of Cleveland to recognize service dogs and the adults and children with disabilities in our community they support.

WHEREAS, Council believes in the joyful, transformative power of the human-canine bond and inclusivity of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, 70 million adults have a disability and only 16,000 service dogs from accredited training programs exist nationwide, according to Assistance Dogs International, and the need is growing; and

WHEREAS, Canine Companions created the service dog for people with physical disabilities 50 years ago in 1975, creating a new kind of support for disability; and

WHEREAS, Canine Companions is a nonprofit organization that enhances the lives of people with more than 65 different types of disabilities by providing expertly-trained service dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships, free of charge; 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 their handlers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland continues to work toward becoming an inclusive community in which all citizens and their trained service dogs are embraced; and

WHEREAS, this Council encourages all citizens to celebrate service dogs and be respectful of the rights to safe access in our community afforded to the adults, children and veterans who lead more independent lives because of their assistance; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council declares the month of September as National Service Dog Month in the City of Cleveland to recognize service dogs and the adults and children with disabilities in our community they support.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to Canine Companions, Bryan Hurst.

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

JHO/jho  
9/15/2025  
For: Councilmembers Kazy, McCormack, Santana, Polensek

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READ FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME

and referred to	REPORTS
	CITY CLERK
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	<u>READ THIRD TIME on SEPTEMBER 15, 2025</u>
	PRESIDENT
	CITY CLERK
	APPROVED
	MAYOR