



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL SERVICE DOG MONTH

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, service dog trainers and service dog organizations enhance the lives of people with disabilities, both visible and non-visible, by providing expertly-trained service dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships; and

WHEREAS, 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, in the State of North Carolina, 1 in 3 adults have a disability, while only 16,000 service dogs from accredited training programs exist nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina continues to work toward becoming an inclusive community in which all residents, and their service dogs, are respected;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September, 2023, as “**NATIONAL SERVICE DOG MONTH**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this thirty-first day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-eighth.