

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



***WHEREAS,** service dogs empower people with disabilities to lead lives with greater independence; and*

***WHEREAS,** people with physical or developmental disabilities, or who are deaf or hard of hearing, may use a service dog to enhance their independence or their quality of life; and*

***WHEREAS,** many veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces utilize service dogs as a means of recovery and companionship; and*

***WHEREAS,** Canine Companions is a non-profit organization that enhances the lives of children, adults, and veterans by providing expertly-trained service dogs that help individuals live their lives to the fullest; and*

***WHEREAS,** National Service Dog Month aims to educate Americans about the benefits of service dogs and the laws protecting them;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim September 2026*

NATIONAL SERVICE DOG MONTH

in Montana to recognize the benefits of service dogs and their impact on the lives of people with disabilities and veterans.

A blue ink signature of Greg Gianforte, written in a cursive style.

GREG GIANFORTE

Governor