

WHEREAS; service dogs are trained animals that provide assistance to individuals with disabilities, and there are several common types, including guide dogs, hearing dogs, seizure alert dogs, diabetic alert dogs, mobility assistance dogs, allergy detection dogs, autism support dogs, and psychiatric service dogs; and

WHEREAS; according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one in four adults in the United States has some type of disability, and the demand for service dogs with accredited training is growing; and

WHEREAS; the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Fair Housing Act grant service dogs and their owners specific protections that allow service dogs access to public places, including shops, restaurants, emergency shelters, and hospitals, and other protections to the benefit and unique need of their handlers; and

WHEREAS; service dogs provide individuals with disabilities the ability to participate in a wider range of activities and lead lives of greater independence; and


WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to creating an inclusive community in which all individuals and their service dogs are welcomed and joins families, nonprofits, and organizations in spreading support, awareness, and appreciation for service dogs and their life-saving work;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim September 2023 as

## **NATIONAL SERVICE DOG MONTH**

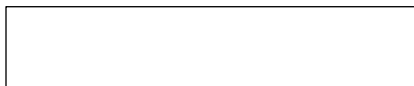
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 5th day of September 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State