

WHEREAS; service dogs are trained animals that provide assistance to individuals with disabilities, helping them participate in a wider range of activities and lead lives of greater independence; and

WHEREAS; there are several common types of service dogs, including but not limited to 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, more than one in four adults in the United States has some form of disability, including more than 1 million Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; the Fair Housing Act and Americans with Disabilities Act afford service dogs and their owners specific protections with housing and access to public places, such as shops, restaurants, emergency shelters, and hospitals, along with other protections to the benefit and unique needs of their handlers; and

WHEREAS; as the demand for service dogs with accredited training continues to grow, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to creating an inclusive community where all individuals and their service dogs are welcomed and respected; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin 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 2025 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 13th day of August 2025.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State