



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, National Service Dog Month aims to educate our community about the benefits of service dogs and the life-changing work service dogs provide for their handlers; and

WHEREAS, Alabama law provides the right to have a service dog for physical or mental disabilities in public places and housing; and

WHEREAS, in the state of Alabama, one in three adults have a disability and only 16,000 service dogs from accredited training programs exist nationwide; and

WHEREAS, service dogs support those dealing with vision impairment, medical issues, mental health and other areas; and

WHEREAS, Alabama continues to work toward becoming an inclusive community in which all citizens and their service dogs are respected; and

WHEREAS, we should support the variety of organizations who train and place these animals with those who need them. These organizations include Service Dogs of Alabama, Canine Companions, Patriot Paws, Guide Dogs of America and many others;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 2023, as

National Service Dog Month

in the state of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 5th day of September 2023.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor