

WHEREAS, the City of Coconut Creek recognizes the extraordinary bond between people and service dogs and the vital role these animals play in transforming lives across our community; and

WHEREAS, more than 64 million adults and children in the United States live with a disability, yet only 16,000 service dogs from accredited training programs are currently available; and

WHEREAS, Canine Companions is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of people with disabilities by providing expertly-trained service dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships; and

WHEREAS, these service dogs empower individuals to lead more independent, confident lives through mobility assistance, emotional support, and critical daily task help; and

WHEREAS, National Service Dog Month serves as an opportunity to raise awareness, promote understanding, and educate our community on the profound impact of service dogs and the laws that protect their handlers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coconut Creek continues to work toward fostering a welcoming, accessible environment where individuals with disabilities, and their service dogs, can thrive and participate fully in the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby proclaims September 2025 as

“NATIONAL SERVICE DOG MONTH”

in the City of Coconut Creek and encourages all community members to honor the life-changing work of service dogs and to show respect for their handlers who lead more independent lives because of their assistance.

**IN WITNESS HEREOF, we have hereunto
set our hands and caused the seal of
the City of Coconut Creek to be affixed
this 28th day of August 2025.**