



Proclamation

Service Dog Month

September 2025

WHEREAS, the City of Tolleson recognizes and celebrates the transformative power of the human-canine bond and are committed to fostering an inclusive community for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, 64 million adults and children live with disabilities, yet only 16,000 service dogs from accredited training programs currently support this growing need; and

WHEREAS, Canine Companions, a nonprofit organization, enhances the lives of individuals with disabilities by providing expertly trained service dogs and ongoing support to foster strong, lasting partnerships; and

WHEREAS, through best-in-class training and follow-up services, these service dogs empower people with disabilities to live more independent and fulfilling lives, supported by a deeply committed community; and

WHEREAS, National Service Dog Month seeks to educate our community about the invaluable contributions of service dogs and raise awareness of the laws that protect their access and rights; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tolleson continues its efforts to build a more inclusive community, one in which all citizens and their service dogs are respected and embraced.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Juan F. Rodriguez, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tolleson, Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 2025 as Service Dog Month, encouraging all citizens to recognize and honor the vital role of service dogs in supporting individuals with disabilities, and to uphold the rights and dignity of those who lead more independent lives thanks to these remarkable companions.



Juan F. Rodriguez, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Crystal Zamora, City Clerk