

RESOLUTION NO. 164-2025(CRR), *First Reading*

By All City Councilmembers

A Resolution recognizing September 2025, as *National Service Dog Month* in the City of Cleveland Heights, OH; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, in the United States, 64 million adults and children have a disability but only 16,000 service dogs from accredited programs in the U.S. (2022 Assistance Dogs International) exist nationwide and the need is growing; and

WHEREAS, Canine Companions is a nonprofit organization that created the concept of service dogs for people with disabilities, training the first service dog in 1975, and currently serves people with more than 65 different types of disabilities, with seven locations across the country; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 500 people on the Canine Companion waitlist, looking to be matched with an expertly trained service dog; and

WHEREAS, *National Service Dog Month* aims to educate our community about the benefits of service dogs and the laws protecting them; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights continues to be an inclusive community in which all citizens, and their service dogs, are embraced.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. This Council does hereby proclaim September 2025 to be *National Service Dog Month* and recognizes the service dogs and the adults and children with disabilities in our community.

SECTION 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

SECTION 3. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights, or by posting the full text of this Resolution to the City of Cleveland Heights website.

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SECTION 4. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to join with other communities in this celebration in a timely manner. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.



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President of Council



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Clerk of Council

PASSED: August 18, 2025

Presented to Mayor: 08/20/2025 Effective Date: 08/29/2025

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Mayor

*Effective date per Article IV, Section 5 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights