



CITY OF WESTFIELD

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: we believe in the joyful, transformative power of the human-canine bond and inclusivity of all citizens; and

WHEREAS: in the United States, 70 million adults have a disability and only 16,000 service dogs from accredited training programs exist nationwide and the need is continuously growing; and

WHEREAS: the City of Westfield has previously recognized its commitment to individuals living with disabilities by recognizing March 2025 as Disability Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS: the City of Westfield has been striving toward a more inclusive and supportive community with the institution of the Westfield Mayor's Council on Disabilities; and

WHEREAS: the City of Westfield is continually striving to support systems, policies, and environments that improve the lives of all community members, including those who live with disabilities, as well as dismantle barriers that preclude those with disabilities from experiencing equitable experiences; and

WHEREAS: the City of Westfield, Indiana, continues to work toward becoming an inclusive community in which all citizens, and their trained service dogs, are welcomed and embraced; and

WHEREAS: National Service Dog Month aims to educate our community about the benefits of service dogs and the laws protecting their handlers; and

NOW, THEREFORE: in recognition of service dogs and the adults and children with disabilities in our community, I, Mayor Scott A. Willis, do hereby proclaim September as:

National Service Dog Month

in the City of Westfield, Indiana, and encourage all citizens to celebrate service dogs and be respectful of the rights to safe access in our community afforded to the adults, children, and veterans who lead more independent lives because of their assistance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: I, Scott Willis, have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the City of Westfield, Indiana, on this 8th day of September.

(City Seal Here)

Scott Willis, Mayor
City of Westfield