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

WHEREAS, in the United States, 64 million adults and children have a disability and only 16,000 service dogs from accredited training programs exist nationwide and the need is growing; and

WHEREAS, several nonprofit organizations enhance the lives of people with disabilities by providing expertly-trained service dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships; and

WHEREAS, a number of nonprofit organizations empower people with disabilities to lead life with greater independence, by providing best-in-class training, ongoing follow-up services and a deeply committed community of support; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby declare September 2023 as National Service Dog Month in Kansas City, Missouri; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in testimony thereof and that a copy hereof be presented to Shelly Shetley with the Mayor and Council encouraging all to recognize the importance and value of service dogs to those adults and children with disabilities in our community.

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