



Proclamation

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF COMAL §
CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS §

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 growing; and

WHEREAS, Canine Companions created the service dog for people with physical disabilities 50 years ago in 1975, creating a new kind of support for disability; and

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

WHEREAS, Canine Companions and their service dogs 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 their handlers; and

WHEREAS, the city of New Braunfels, Texas continues to work toward becoming an inclusive community in which all citizens, and their trained service dogs, are embraced.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, that I, Neal Linnartz, Mayor of the City of New Braunfels, Texas, in recognition of service dogs and the adults and children with disabilities in our community, hereby proclaim September 2025, as

"National Service Dog Month"

in New Braunfels, and I 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 have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of New Braunfels to be affixed this the 25th day of August 2025.

CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS

NEAL LINNARTZ, Mayor