



PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL SERVICE DOG AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, September is recognized as National Service Dog Month, a time to honor and celebrate the extraordinary dedication and life-changing work of service dogs and their handlers; and

WHEREAS, these remarkable canines are not merely pets, but highly trained working animals that provide vital assistance to individuals that depend on their skills and training; and

WHEREAS, service dogs, such as those trained for retrieving, PTSD recovery, and other essential tasks, significantly enhance the independence, safety, and quality of life for their human partners; and

WHEREAS, the City of Republic is a place where many people rely on the support of these highly skilled working dogs, to aid them in living a more independent lifestyle with the ability to enhance the quality of life for both companions.

WHEREAS, our community is a supportive environment for all its citizens, including those who rely on the assistance of service animals; and

WHEREAS, by recognizing National Service Dog Month, we acknowledge the invaluable contributions of service dogs and their handlers and raise public awareness of the important role they play in our society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric Franklin, Mayor of the City of Republic, Missouri, do hereby proclaim September 2025 as,

"NATIONAL SERVICE DOG AWARENESS MONTH"

I encourage all citizens to recognize and appreciate the profound impact that service dogs have in our community, and to also highlight the importance of proper etiquette around working dogs and helping to raise awareness of their important roles in helping others to live more free and independent lives.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Republic, Missouri, to be affixed this 9th day of September 2025.

Eric Franklin, Mayor