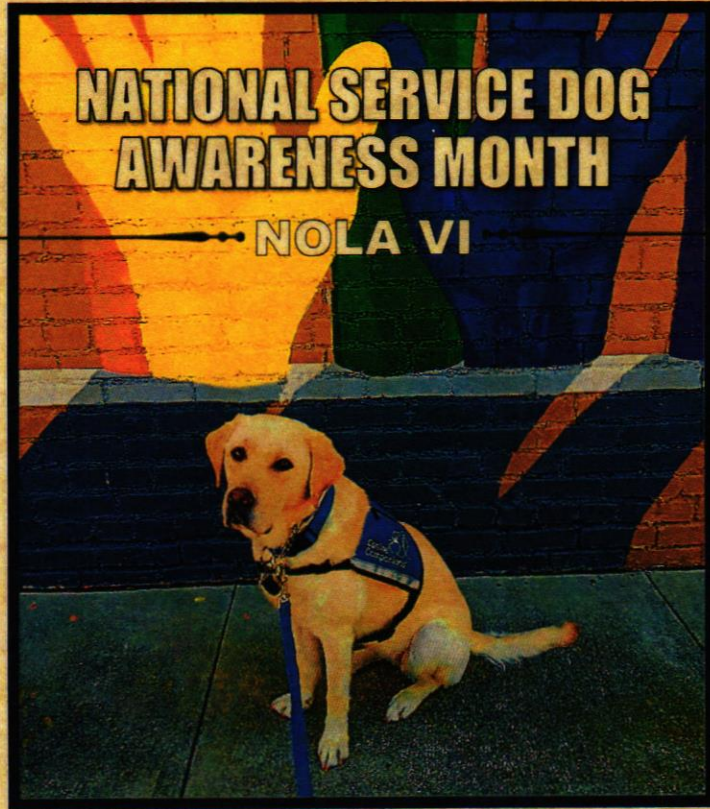




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PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, *The Hopkins County Commissioners' Court declares September to be National Service Dog Awareness Month in support of Nola VI, Court Facility Dog Serving the Hopkins County 8th Judicial District Court; and*

WHEREAS, *Assistant District Attorney of the Eighth Judicial District, Jodi Cox serves as the dedicated handler for Nola; and*

WHEREAS, *Nola is a 2-year-old female Labrador/Golden Retriever mix; and*

WHEREAS, *Nola was donated to the 8th District Attorney's Office by Canine Companions International; and*

WHEREAS, *Canine Companions International is a nonprofit organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing task-trained service dogs to adults, children and veterans with disabilities as well as facility dogs to professionals working in healthcare, criminal justice, rehabilitation and educational settings; and*

WHEREAS, *Nola is a courthouse facility dog; and*

WHEREAS, *Nola is a professionally trained assistance dog, suitable for providing quiet companionship to vulnerable individuals in legal settings without causing any disruption of the proceedings; and*

WHEREAS, *Facility dogs are working dogs that are specially chosen for their calm demeanor and ability to perform duties in a high-stress environment; and*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERT NEWSOM, HOPKINS COUNTY JUDGE, *do hereby declare the month of September as National Service Dog Awareness Month.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Texas, in SULPHUR SPRINGS, the County Seat, this the Twenty-third day of September in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-four.*



Robert Newsom
Robert Newsom, County Judge