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**University of Central Florida  
Fifty-Sixth Student Body Senate  
Proclamation 56-14**

[Proclamation Recognizing September as National Service Dog Month]

**WHEREAS**, Senate Rule 2.04(G)(1) states that the Student Body Advocacy (SBA) Committee shall pass measures advocating on behalf of the student body regarding student and university affairs at the University of Central Florida (UCF);  
**WHEREAS**, Senate Rule 5.01(D)(1) states that Proclamations are defined as measures recognizing, celebrating, or condemning extraordinary events, organizations, or individuals on behalf of all Student Government Agents;  
**WHEREAS**, Service dogs play a vital role in the lives of individuals with disabilities, providing not only companionship but also essential support and assistance, enabling greater independence, and improving quality of life;  
**WHEREAS**, Service dogs assist individuals with a variety of disabilities, including but not limited to visual impairments, hearing impairments, mobility challenges, neurological disorders, and mental health conditions such as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD);  
**WHEREAS**, Service dogs are also an invaluable resource for our nation's veterans, many of whom rely on these highly trained animals to navigate life after service, particularly those suffering from PTSD, traumatic brain injuries, and other service-related disabilities;  
**WHEREAS**, National Service Dog Month, observed in September, provides an opportunity to raise awareness about the important work these animals do, the rigorous training they undergo, and the rights of individuals who rely on service dogs; and  
**WHEREAS**, Recognizing National Service Dog Month at UCF aligns with our university's values of diversity, inclusion, and respect for all members of our community, including those who have served in the military and those living with disabilities.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fifty-Sixth Student Senate of the University of Central Florida proclaim the month of September as National Service Dog Month at UCF, and encourages all students, faculty, and staff to honor and support the service dogs and their handlers who contribute to the strength and diversity of our community; and  
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Proclamation be sent to Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), UCF Cares, Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities, Student Care Services, Military and Veterans Student Success Center, Director of the Military and Veteran Student Success Center Michael Kepner, Student Veterans of America UCF Chapter, UCF Women's Veteran Association, and the Service-Dog Training and Education Program (STEP) at the University of Central Florida.

**AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES**

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