



# Proclamation

*Whereas, the official K9 Corps was created on March 13, 1942 and Joseph J. White, a retired Military Working Dog handler and founder of "K9 Veterans Day," pioneered a nation-wide effort to get the entire country to recognize March 13 as K9 Veterans Day; and*

*Whereas, K-9s have served with distinction alongside military and law enforcement personnel, providing vital support and saving countless lives; and*

*Whereas, these canine heroes have worked in a variety of essential roles, including detection, search and rescue, tactical support, and emotional assistance; and*

*Whereas, K-9s are specially trained to perform their duties with unmatched loyalty, courage, and dedication; and*

*Whereas, the contributions of K-9s in military and law enforcement service deserve recognition for their bravery, selflessness, and unyielding commitment to protecting and serving their communities and country; and*

*Whereas, K-9 Veterans Day, observed on March 13th, honors the service and sacrifice of military and working dogs, many of whom have been critical in the fight against terrorism, drug trafficking, and other criminal activities; and*

*Whereas, we express our deepest gratitude to all K-9s who have served, as well as to the handlers and organizations who continue to provide care and support for these animals after their service ends; and*

*Now therefore, I, Ronald Jubin, Mayor of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, along with Members of the Council, do hereby proclaim this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025 as*

## *National K-9 Veterans Day*

*and encourage all citizens to honor the dedication and service of military and law enforcement K-9s, their handlers, and the organizations that support them.*

*Ronald Jubin, Ph.D. Mayor*  
*March 13, 2025*