

CITY OF FLAGSTAFF – OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Rescue Dog Day is observed on May 20, and it’s a fact that rescue dogs are the best dogs; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, the following number of dogs were taken in by shelters and rescue organizations because they were abandoned, abused, surrendered, or strays: 3.6 million nationally, 102,000 in Arizona, and approximately 5,000 in Coconino County; and

WHEREAS, there are currently approximately 250 adoptable dogs available through the two Flagstaff shelters: Coconino Humane Association and High Country Humane as well as local and regional rescue organizations Blackhat Humane Society, Mountain Girl Rescue, Northern Arizona Animal Search and Rescue, and Tuba City Humane Society; and

WHEREAS, the perfect dog for every Flagstaff resident is currently waiting at our local shelters and rescue groups. Each one will provide unconditional love, loyalty, and gratitude and has the potential to answer the age-old question of “*who’s a good boy, or girl?*”

WHEREAS, every dog deserves a warm, loving, forever home and a family to call their own; and

WHEREAS, shelters and rescue organizations receive animals that have been surrendered, abused, abandoned, or roaming the streets as strays. They treat sick and injured animals, provide spay and neuter services, provide shelter, food, and love to all animals coming into their care; and

WHEREAS, local animal shelters and rescue organizations need our support in the form of donations, adopters, foster homes, volunteers, and vocal supporters.

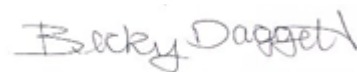
NOW, THEREFORE, I, BECKY DAGGETT, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF, do hereby proclaim May 20th, 2025 as

RESCUE DOG DAY

IN FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA

And encourage residents to adopt a new best friend, donate to shelters and rescue organizations, become dog fosters and help make room in shelters and rescues for the next dog in need, volunteer to walk rescue dogs, spay or neuter your dogs (and cats), and spread the word about how awesome rescue dogs are.

DATED this 20th day of May 2025



MAYOR

ATTEST:



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