

2023 RES-417

**RECOGNIZING PET PARTNERS THERAPY TEAMS AND DECLARING APRIL 30, 2024,
NATIONAL THERAPY ANIMAL DAY IN DANE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, there are thousands of Pet Partners therapy animal teams serving in communities across the United States; and

WHEREAS, Pet Partners has designated April 30 as National Therapy Animal Day; and

WHEREAS, research shows that interacting with therapy animals can reduce stress, relieve depression, slow heart rate, lower blood pressure, and strengthen the immune system; and

WHEREAS, therapy animal teams across Dane County play an essential role in improving human health and wellbeing through the human-animal bond, interacting with a variety of people in our communities, including veterans, seniors, patients, students, and those approaching end of life; and

WHEREAS, these exceptional therapy animals who partner with their human companions bring comfort and healing to those in need; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors recognizes Pet Partners therapy teams and the service of therapy animal teams in Dane County and in communities across the country.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors encourages more pet owners to consider becoming therapy animal team volunteers to help our communities by creating greater access to meaningful therapy animal visits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors declares April 30, 2024, National Therapy Animal Day.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be presented to Jeff Rogers and the many therapy animal team volunteers for their advocacy and commitment to serving the residents of Dane County.

Patrick Miles, Chair
Dane County Board of Supervisors

Signed and sealed before me this
_____ day of _____, 2024.

Scott McDonell,
Dane County Clerk