

**2023 RES-015**  
**RECOGNIZING APRIL 30, 2023 AS NATIONAL THERAPY ANIMAL DAY**

**WHEREAS**, April 30, 2023 is National Therapy Animal Day, a day to recognize and honor therapy animals who partner with their human companions to bring comfort and healing to those in need; and

**WHEREAS**, the day raises awareness and educates the public about the role therapy animals play in enhancing the health and well-being of humans; and

**WHEREAS**, therapy animals improve the mental wellness of their human companions by decreasing fear, anxiety, loneliness, and isolation while also improving physical health by lowering perceived levels of pain and shortening recovery times; and

**WHEREAS**, therapy animal teams make important and impactful visits each year in settings such as hospitals, nursing homes, schools, and hospice settings; and

**WHEREAS**, therapy animal teams interact with a variety of people in the community including veterans, seniors, patients, students facing literacy challenges, and those approaching end of life; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors recognizes April 30 as National Therapy Animal Day.

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Patrick Miles, Chair  
Dane County Board of Supervisor

Signed and sealed before me this  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Scott McDonell,  
Dane County Clerk