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WHEREAS, thousands of therapy animals and their human owners or companions volunteer in schools, nursing homes, and community centers throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, scientific 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 throughout Cook County play an essential role in improving human health and well-being through the human-animal bond; and

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

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

WHEREAS, we encourage more pet owners to consider becoming therapy animal volunteers to help our community by creating greater access to meaningful therapy animal visits; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, does hereby proclaim April 30, 2024, as "Therapy Animal Day in Cook County," and encourage our citizens to celebrate our therapy animals and their humans. Furthermore, we publicly salute the service of therapy animal teams in our community.

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