



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING APRIL 30, 2021 AS, “NATIONAL THERAPY ANIMAL DAY” IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, National Therapy Animal Day was created by Pet Partners to recognize and honor the exceptional therapy animals who partner with their human companions to bring comfort and healing to those in need; and,

WHEREAS, Pet Partners is the national leader in demonstrating and promoting the benefits of animal-assisted therapy, activities, and education; and,

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

WHEREAS, connecting with animals is proven to confer a host of mental and physical benefits. Pets reduce our stress levels, offer us companionship, and even help us feel less pain; and,

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

WHEREAS, by designating April 30 as National Therapy Animal Day we can raise awareness and educate the public about the role therapy animals play in enhancing the health and well-being of humans through the human-animal bond; and,

WHEREAS, in celebrating National Therapy Animal Day we also honor the dedicated handlers - the human members of therapy animal teams - who volunteer their time and compassion during visits; and,

WHEREAS, Pet Partners and therapy animals have learned to adapt during the COVID-19 pandemic to continue offering therapy as people have turned to animals more than ever.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby salute the service of therapy animal teams in our community and in communities across the nation; and,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby proclaims April 30, 2021 as, “National Therapy Animal Day,” in Cook County, IL and encourages the citizens of Cook County to honor and celebrate our therapy animals and their human handlers.