



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION DESIGNATING APRIL 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, AS THERAPY ANIMAL DAY IN COOK COUNTY**

**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.