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National Therapy Animal Day

There are thousands of pet therapy animal teams serving in communities across the United States; and

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

WHEREAS, Pet therapy animal teams play an essential role in improving human health and well-being through the human-animal bond; and

WHEREAS, these therapy animal teams make countless visits per year in settings such as hospitals, nursing homes, schools, and hospice; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed, by the Board of Commissioners of Buncombe County, as follows,

1. That April 30, 2021, be proclaimed as:

"National Therapy Animal Day"

- 2. That this Board publicly salutes the service of therapy animal teams in our community and in communities across the nation.
- 3. That this proclamation be effective upon its adoption.

PROCLAIMED AND APPROVED this 20th day of April, 2021.

Board of Commissioner for the County of Buncombe

Brownie Newman, Chairman