

Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING APRIL 30, 2023 AS

National Therapy Animal Day

WHEREAS, National Therapy Animal Day was created by Pet Partners, an American nonprofit organization specializing in therapy animals, which promotes the health and wellness benefits of animal-assisted therapy, activities and education; and

WHEREAS, animal therapy, or pet therapy, refers to using animals to help people cope with and recover from certain physical and mental health conditions; and

WHEREAS, animals can play very important roles assisting people with disabilities and as part of therapeutic activities, and an increasing number of animals assist clients with physical or psychological disabilities or participate in animal-assisted activities; and

WHEREAS, depending on the function of the therapy, therapy animals include dogs, horses, and birds, as well as other types of assistance animals that may be less familiar; and

WHEREAS, National Therapy Animal Day was created to recognize and celebrate therapy animals, raise awareness of their role in enhancing human health and well-being, and honor the thousands of dedicated handlers around the world who volunteer their time and compassion during visits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, does hereby designate April 30, 2023 as National Therapy Animal Day and recognizes the positive impact therapy animals make by providing comfort and healing to people in need.

Dated: April 30, 2023

SUPERVISORS:

DAVE PINE, President

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Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors