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Fiscal Note

No fiscal impact.

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Body

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

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

WHEREAS, scientific research shows that interacting with therapy animals can reduce stress, relieve depression, slow heart rates, lower blood pressure, and strengthen the immune system; and,

WHEREAS, therapy animal teams in Madison 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 who partner with their human companions bring comfort and healing to those in need; and,

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Madison Common Council and Mayor proclaim April 30, 2024, as 'National Therapy Animal Day' in the City of Madison.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Madison Common Council and Mayor encourage our citizens to celebrate our therapy animals and their human handlers.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Madison Common Council and Mayor salute the service of therapy animal teams in our community and in communities across the nation.