



Medford City Council
Medford, Massachusetts

MEETING DATE

April 16, 2024

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AGENDA ITEM

24-082 - Resolution to Acknowledge April 30, 2024 as National Animal Therapy Day in the City of Medford

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

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 rate, lower blood pressure and strengthen the immune system; and

Whereas, therapy animal teams in the City of Medford 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 by the Medford City Council that we acknowledge April 30th, 2024 as "National Animal Therapy Day" and encourage our citizens to celebrate our therapy animals and their human handlers.

Be it Further Resolved that we publicly salute the service of therapy animal teams in our community and in communities across the nation.

Be it Further Resolved that we request that Mayor Lungo-Koehn issue a formal proclamation of "National Animal Therapy Day" in the City of Medford.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None