



Medford City Council  
Medford, Massachusetts

**MEETING DATE**

February 24, 2026

**SPONSORED BY**

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President

**AGENDA ITEM**

**26-040** - Resolution to Celebrate National Therapy Animal Day

**FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION**

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 Town 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 that the Medford City Council celebrate National Therapy Animal Day on April 30th.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**FISCAL IMPACT**

**ATTACHMENTS**

None