

**PROCLAMATION OF
THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL
PROCLAIMING APRIL 30, 2024, AS
NATIONAL THERAPY ANIMAL DAY
IN THE CITY OF SAN BERNARDINO**

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 San Bernardino 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 the 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 PROCLAIMED THAT, the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Bernardino, do hereby proclaim April 30th, 2024, as: National Therapy Animal Day. We encourage our citizens to celebrate all therapy animals and their human handlers. Further, we publicly salute the service of therapy animal teams in our community and in communities across the nation.

Presented on the 17th day of April 2024