

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

RESOLUTION NO. 22-022

RECOGNIZING APRIL 30, 2022, AS NATIONAL THERAPY ANIMAL DAY IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

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

WHEREAS, April 30th is designated as National Therapy Animal Day; and

WHEREAS, groups like Pet Partners therapy animal teams in Marysville play an essential role in improving human health and well-being through the human-animal bond; and

WHEREAS, therapy animal teams make millions of visits per year in settings such as hospitals, nursing homes, schools and hospice; and

WHEREAS, therapy animal teams interact with a variety of people in our community including veterans, seniors, patients, students facing literacy challenges, and those approaching end of life; and

WHEREAS, proven benefits from pet therapy include: lowering blood pressure, improving cardiovascular health, diminishing overall physical pain, reducing anxiety, lessening boredom, and providing comfort; and

WHEREAS, these exceptional therapy animals who partner with their human companions bring comfort and healing to those in need;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Snohomish County Council hereby recognizes April 30, 2022, as "National Therapy Animal Day" in Snohomish County and encourages celebrating our 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.

APPROVED this 27th day of April, 2022.

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ATTEST: ///w— Debbie Eco, CMC Clerk of the Council