



**SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**Snohomish County, Washington**

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-010**

**RECOGNIZING APRIL 30, 2024, AS**  
**NATIONAL THERAPY ANIMAL DAY IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

*WHEREAS, thousands of therapy animal teams serve communities throughout the nation; and*

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

*WHEREAS, therapy animal teams in our communities play an integral part in enhancing human health and well-being through the human-animal bond; and*

*WHEREAS, therapy animal teams make millions of visits per year in a variety of settings, which include hospitals, hospice care facilities, nursing homes, schools, and libraries; and*

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

*WHEREAS, scientific research demonstrates benefits from pet therapy include lowering blood pressure, improving cardiovascular health, diminishing overall physical pain, reducing stress, easing depression, decreasing anxiety levels, and strengthening the immune system; and*

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

*WHEREAS, recognizing National Therapy Animal Day is an opportunity to encourage more pet owners to consider becoming volunteers with Pet Partners, which helps our communities and is very gratifying for those participating in the organization;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Snohomish County Council hereby recognizes April 30, 2024, 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 country.*

**APPROVED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.**

**Jared Mead**  
Council Chair

**Nate Nehring**  
Council Vice-Chair

**Sam Low**  
Councilmember

**Megan Dunn**  
Councilmember

**Strom Peterson**  
Councilmember

ATTEST:

**Elena Lao, CMC**  
Deputy Clerk of the Council