

Salt Lake County

A PROCLAMATION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL DESIGNATING APRIL 30 AS NATIONAL THERAPY ANIMAL DAY

WHEREAS, therapy animals provide physical, psychological, and emotional benefits to those they interact with; and

WHEREAS, therapy animals are most frequently dogs, but can also include other domesticated species such as cats, equines, and rabbits, to name a few; and

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, therapy animal teams in Salt Lake County play an essential role in improving human health and well-being through the human-animal bond by making 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, these exceptional therapy animals who partner with their human companions bring comfort and healing to those in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed that:

The Salt Lake County Council does hereby proclaim April 30, 2022, as: “National Therapy Animal Day” in Salt Lake County and encourages our residents to celebrate our therapy animals and their human handlers. The Council further recognizes the service of therapy animal teams in our community and in communities across the nation.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of April 2022.

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