



PROCLAIMING  
APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> 2024  
NATIONAL THERAPY ANIMAL DAY IN VENTURA COUNTY

WHEREAS, PET PARTNERS HAS DESIGNATED APRIL 30 AS NATIONAL THERAPY ANIMAL DAY, CREATED TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THERAPY DOGS AND OTHER THERAPY ANIMALS WHO PARTNER WITH THEIR HUMAN COMPANIONS (HANDLERS) TO BRING COMFORT AND HEALING TO THOSE IN NEED; AND

WHEREAS, THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF PET PARTNERS THERAPY ANIMAL TEAMS SERVING IN COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES, WHO VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME AND COMPASSION DURING VISITS IN A VARIETY OF SETTINGS INCLUDING HOSPITALS, PEDIATRIC CARE UNITS, SCHOOLS, AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES; 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 VENTURA COUNTY 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, WE ENCOURAGE PET OWNERS TO BECOME THERAPY ANIMAL TEAMS, CREATING HAPPIER, HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES THROUGH GREATER ACCESS TO SAFE AND MEANINGFUL INTERACTIONS WITH THERAPY DOGS AND OTHER THERAPY ANIMALS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE COUNTY OF VENTURA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> 2024 NATIONAL THERAPY ANIMAL DAY IN VENTURA COUNTY, AND ENCOURAGE CITIZENS TO CELEBRATE THERAPY ANIMALS AND THEIR HUMAN HANDLERS.

PRESENTED ON THIS 30<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2024

  
MATT LAVERE, SUPERVISOR 1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT

  
JEFF GORELL, SUPERVISOR 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT

  
CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
KELLY LONG, SUPERVISOR 3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT

  
JANICE S. PARVIN, SUPERVISOR 4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

  
VIANEY LOPEZ, SUPERVISOR 5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT