

**MOTION BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN**

**Proclaiming National Therapy Animal Day**

The human-animal bond is a mutually beneficial relationship that improves the physical, social, and emotional lives of those served. Groups like Pet Partners work throughout Los Angeles County to promote the health and wellness benefits of animal-assisted therapy, activities, and education. With more than 10,000 registered teams making more than 3 million visits annually, Pet Partners teams visit in a wide variety of settings and in various communities across the country and beyond with patients in recovery, people with intellectual disabilities, seniors living with Alzheimer’s, students, veterans with PTSD, people who have experienced crisis events, and those approaching end of life.

In an effort to increase awareness, Pet Partners is organizing a nationwide observance of National Therapy Animal Day on April 30, 2024.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Proclaim Tuesday, April 30th, 2024 as “National Therapy Animal Day” in Los Angeles County to help raise awareness and improve knowledge of the benefits of therapy animals amongst the general public;
2. Encourage all County employees and residents to learn more about therapy animals by visiting [www.petpartners.org](http://www.petpartners.org).

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