

City of Poulsbo

Office of Mayor Rebecca Erickson



PROCLAMATION

- 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,** scientific research shows that interacting with therapy animals can reduce stress, relieve depression, slows heart rate, lower blood pressure and strengthen the immune system; and
- WHEREAS,** therapy animal teams in the City of Poulsbo play an essential role in improving human health and well-being through the human-animal bond; and
- WHEREAS,** Pet Partners 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.
- WHEREAS,** we encourage more pet owners to consider becoming Pet Partners volunteers to help our community by creating greater access to meaningful therapy animal visits.

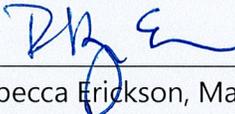
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rebecca Erickson, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, Washington, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2024 as

NATIONAL THERAPY ANIMAL DAY

in the City of Poulsbo and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing this important initiative.

Dated this 5th day of April, 2024.





Rebecca Erickson, Mayor