

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 30, 2026 AS NATIONAL THERAPY ANIMAL DAY

WHEREAS, therapy animals provide comfort, companionship, and critical emotional support to individuals facing illness, trauma, disability, and life's most challenging circumstances;

WHEREAS, through their presence in hospitals, schools, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, and community settings including support for patients, students, seniors, and first responders therapy animals help reduce stress, ease anxiety, improve mental health outcomes, and foster meaningful human connection;

WHEREAS, therapy animals and their dedicated handlers serve as quiet heroes offering unconditional support, restoring hope, and enhancing quality of life for people of all ages and backgrounds;

WHEREAS, the human-animal bond has been shown to promote healing, resilience, and well-being, reinforcing the vital role therapy animals play in strengthening individuals, families, and the Greensboro community as a whole;

WHEREAS, recognizing National Therapy Animal Day provides an opportunity to honor the extraordinary contributions of therapy animals, raise awareness of their impact, and encourage continued support for programs that bring comfort and healing to those in need; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That the Mayor and City Council hereby recognize April 30, 2026, as National Therapy Animal Day in the City of Greensboro.

That the City Council encourages all residents to recognize, celebrate, and support the remarkable work of therapy animals and their handlers, whose compassion and service strengthen our community every day.