



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, 2021 as National Therapy Animal Day; and

WHEREAS, Pet Partners therapy animal teams in the Town of Bellingham play an essential role in improving human health and well-being through the human-animal bond; and

WHEREAS, Pet Partners therapy animal teams make millions of visits per year in settings such as hospitals, nursing homes, schools and hospice; 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, do we, Satpal Singh Sidhu, Executive for Whatcom County, and Barry Buchanan, Chair for the Whatcom County Council hereby proclaim April 30, 2021, as:

NATIONAL THERAPY ANIMAL DAY

in Whatcom County, and encourage our citizens to celebrate our therapy animals and their human handlers. Further, we publicly salute the service of therapy animal teams in our community and in communities across the nation.

Signed this 1st day of April, 2021.

Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive
City of Bellingham

Barry Buchanan, Council Chair
Whatcom County

