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4 A RESOLUTION

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6 recognizing April 30, 2022 as National Therapy Animal Day in Milwaukee County to
7 celebrate the service of therapy animals and their human handlers in our community
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10 WHEREAS, Pet Partners, a nonprofit, national leader in demonstrating and
11 promoting the health and wellness benefits of animal-assisted therapy, activities, and
12 education, has declared April 30 as National Therapy Animal Day; and
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14 WHEREAS, according to the Mayo Clinic, pet therapy, also known as animal-
15 assisted therapy, can significantly reduce pain, anxiety, depression, and fatigue in
16 people with a range of health problems; and
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18 WHEREAS, therapy animals play an essential role in our community by providing
19 comfort and healing in settings such as hospitals, nursing homes, hospice, and schools
20 throughout Milwaukee County; and
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22 WHEREAS, therapy animals interact with a variety of people in our community
23 including veterans, seniors, patients, students facing literacy challenges, and those
24 approaching end of life; and
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26 WHEREAS, the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs and Strategic
27 Planning, at its meeting of March 16, 2022, recommended adoption of File No. 22-455
28 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,
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30 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
31 proclaims April 30, 2022, as National Therapy Animal Day in Milwaukee County to
32 celebrate our therapy animals and their human handlers who bring comfort and healing
33 to those in need.
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