

PROCLAMATION

Resolution 25-57

**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, slow heart rate, lower blood pressure and strengthen the immune system; and

**WHEREAS**, therapy animal teams in Yellowstone County play an essential role in improving human health and well-being through the human-animal bond; and

**WHEREAS**, therapy animal teams interact with a variety of people in our community including veterans, seniors, patients, students, 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; and

**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**, We, the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2025, as National Therapy Animal Day in Yellowstone 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.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners, Yellowstone County, Montana this 29th day of April, 2025.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY, MONTANA

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Mark Morse, Chair

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Michael J. Waters, Member

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John Ostlund, Member

ATTEST:

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Jeff Martin, Clerk and Recorder