

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2023, Legislative Day No. 8

Resolution No. 10-23

Introduced by the Entire Council

By the County Council, April 17, 2023

1 RESOLUTION recognizing National Therapy Animal Day in Anne Arundel County

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3 WHEREAS, there is a growing body of research that demonstrates the many ways  
4 in which therapy animals make a difference in our lives, including improving  
5 mental wellness by decreasing fear, anxiety, loneliness, and isolation, influencing  
6 physical health by lowering perceived levels of pain and shortening recovery times,  
7 and even influencing those who are ill to have a more positive outlook about their  
8 future; and

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10 WHEREAS, therapy animal teams make millions of visits per year in settings such  
11 as hospitals, nursing homes, schools, and hospice facilities; and

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13 WHEREAS, therapy animal teams interact with a variety of people in our  
14 community including veterans, seniors, patients, students facing literacy  
15 challenges, and those approaching end of life; and

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17 WHEREAS, these exceptional therapy animals who partner with their human  
18 companions bring comfort and healing to those in need; and

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20 WHEREAS, therapy animal teams in Anne Arundel County play an essential role  
21 in improving human health and well-being through the human-animal bond; and

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23 WHEREAS, Pet Partners is a national leader in demonstrating and promoting the  
24 health and wellness benefits of animal-assisted therapy, activities, and education  
25 and there are thousands of Pet Partners therapy animal teams serving in  
26 communities across the United States; and

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28 WHEREAS, Pet Partners has designated April 30 as National Therapy Animal Day;  
29 now, therefore, be it

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31 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That it hereby*  
32 *encourages Anne Arundel County to celebrate therapy animals and their human handlers*  
33 *and salutes the service of therapy animal teams in our community and in communities*  
34 *across the nation; and be it further*

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36 *Resolved, That the County Council hereby recognizes April 30, 2023 as National*  
37 *Therapy Animal Day in Anne Arundel County.*

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READ AND PASSED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

By Order:



Laura Corby  
Administrative Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 10-23 IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND DULY ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.



Peter I. Smith  
Chair