

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, April 30th has been designated 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 the City of Salem 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

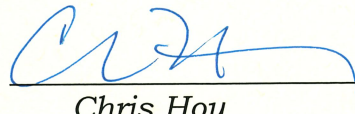
WHEREAS, we encourage more pet owners to consider becoming volunteers to help our community by creating greater access to meaningful therapy animal visits.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chris Hoy, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim April 30th, as

National Therapy Animal Day

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

DATED this twenty-second day of April 2024.



Chris Hoy
Mayor

