



PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING APRIL 30TH, 2024 AS NATIONAL THERAPY ANIMAL DAY

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 the Village of River Forest play an important 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, I, CATHERINE ADDUCI, President of the Village of River Forest, do hereby proclaim the April 30th, 2024, as "National Therapy Animal Day" in the Village of River Forest.

IN WITNESS, THEREOF, I have hereto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the seal of the Village of River Forest, this 29th day of April 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Catherine Adduci". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Catherine Adduci, Village President