

**RESOLUTION**

**Board of Hennepin County Commissioners**

**RESOLUTION: 26-0187**

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At a meeting of the Board of Hennepin County Commissioners, a motion was made by Commissioner Greene, and seconded by Commissioner Conley, that the Resolution be adopted. The motion passed.

WHEREAS, National Therapy Animal Day is an annual event observed on April 30 that recognizes the thousands of therapy animal teams serving in communities across the United States; and

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

WHEREAS, therapy animal teams make millions of visits per year in settings such as hospitals, nursing homes, schools and hospices and interact with a variety of people in our community including veterans, seniors, patients, students facing literacy challenges, and those approaching the end of their lives; and

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

WHEREAS, Hennepin County Libraries regularly host therapy animals to support children during reading education events; and

WHEREAS, the Hennepin County Attorney's Office employs their own emotional support dog who provides comfort to victims, witnesses, and employees; and

WHEREAS, Animal Therapy Day in Hennepin County encourages Hennepin County residents to celebrate our therapy animals and their human handlers.

**Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners proclaims Thursday April 30, 2026, as Therapy Animal Day in Hennepin County.

**Recommendation from County Administrator:** No Recommendation

RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON 4/28/2026

The question was on the adoption of the resolution with the votes as follows:

**Aye:** 7 Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

**Maria Rose**

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Maria Rose