

Proclamation

Office of the Mayor

NATIONAL THERAPY ANIMAL DAY

WHEREAS, Pet Partners has designated April 30th 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 Sunrise 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, I, Michael J. Ryan, Mayor of the City of Sunrise, Florida together with the City Commissioners hereby proclaim April 30th, 2026 as **National Therapy Animal Day** in the City of Sunrise and encourage all to celebrate our therapy animals and their human handlers.



Witness My Hand and Official Seal of
The City of Sunrise, Florida

Michael J. Ryan, Mayor