

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; according to research, therapy animals have been shown to help people cope with both physical and mental health disorders, providing great relief to their human companion by reducing stress, relieving depression, lowering an individual's blood pressure, and strengthening their immune system, among other benefits; and

WHEREAS; from dogs and horses to cats and birds, animals can serve as a source of comfort and support, and therapy animal teams interact with individuals and families across Wisconsin communities to uplift and support veterans, seniors, patients, students, individuals in the hospital or undergoing end-of-life care, and more; and

WHEREAS; therapy animals offer a wide range of services to their human companion, whether it's encouraging increased movement through walks and play, alerting others if someone is in danger, or simply improving the overall mood and well-being of their companion; and

WHEREAS; regardless of the type of therapy and goals that a therapy animal is trained to provide, therapy animals can present individuals with the ability, courage, and support to participate in a wider range of activities and embolden them to lead lives of greater independence and prevent social isolation; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins families, nonprofits, and advocacy organizations across the state in spreading support, awareness, and appreciation for therapy animals and their many contributions to the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2026, as

NATIONAL THERAPY ANIMAL DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 20th day of April 2026.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State