MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, there are thousands of Pet Partners therapy animal teams serving in communities across the United States; and

WHEREAS, Pet Partners has designated April 30th as National Therapy Animal Day; and

WHEREAS, Pet Partners therapy animal teams in the City of Bellingham play an essential role in improving human health and well-being through the human-animal bond; and

WHEREAS, Pet Partners therapy animal teams make millions of visits per year in settings such as hospitals, nursing homes, schools and hospice; and

WHEREAS, Pet Partners therapy animal teams interact with a variety of people in our community including veterans, seniors, patients, students facing literacy challenges, 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

NOW, THEREFORE, DO I, Seth Fleetwood, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim April 30, 2021 as

NATIONAL THERAPY ANIMAL DAY

in the City of Bellingham, Washington and encourage all residents to celebrate our therapy animals and their human handlers.

Signed this 8th day of March 2021

Seth Fleetwood, Mayor
City of Bellingham