



CITY OF BELLINGHAM  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
SETH FLEETWOOD

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Seth Fleetwood".

Seth Fleetwood, Mayor  
City of Bellingham