## CITY OF SPOKANE

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Pet Partners has designated April 30 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 Spokane 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, Lisa Brown, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the people of Spokane, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2025 as

## NATIONAL THERAPY ANIMAL DAY

in Spokane and encourage all residents to celebrate our therapy animals and their human handlers. Further, I publicly salute the service of therapy animal teams in our community and in communities across the nation.

I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of Spokane, do hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Spokane to be affixed this 24th day of April 2025.

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Lisa Brown
Mayor

