

## **MEMORANDUM**

DATE:	March 29, 2018
TO:	Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board
FROM:	Ramón Valadez, County Supervisor, District 2
SUBJECT:	Agenda Item

Please add the following item on the April 17<sup>th</sup> 2018 agenda:

## Proclamation declaring April 30<sup>th</sup> 2018 to be National Therapy Animal Day. Proclamation to be presented to Sheriff Mark Napier Deputy Shawn Degan Deputy Leo (dog)

c: C.H. Huckelberry

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## 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 as National Therapy Animal Day; and

**WHEREAS**, Pet Partners therapy animal teams in Pima County 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.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the day of Monday, April 30, 2018 to be:

## "NATIONAL THERAPY ANIMAL DAY"

in Pima County, and encourage all residents, social services and law enforcement agencies in Pima County to join forces with Pet Partners 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.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 17th day of April 2018.

The Honorable Richard Elías, Chairman Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: