

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2026, Legislative Day No. 7

Resolution No. 7-26

Introduced by the Entire Council

By the County Council, April 6, 2026

1 RESOLUTION designating April 30, 2026 as National Therapy Animal Day and
2 celebrating therapy animals and their handlers

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4 WHEREAS, scientific research shows that interacting with therapy animals can
5 reduce stress, relieve depression, slow heart rate, lower blood pressure and
6 strengthen the immune system; and

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8 WHEREAS, therapy animal teams in Anne Arundel County play an essential role
9 in improving human health and well-being through the human-animal bond; and

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11 WHEREAS, therapy animal teams interact with a variety of people in our
12 community including veterans, seniors, patients, students, and those approaching
13 end of life; and

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15 WHEREAS, these exceptional therapy animals who partner with their human
16 companions bring comfort and healing to those in need; and

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18 WHEREAS, we encourage more pet owners to consider becoming volunteers to
19 help our community by creating greater access to meaningful therapy animal visits;
20 now, therefore, be it

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22 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That it proclaims*
23 *April 30, 2026 National Therapy Animal Day in Anne Arundel County, and encourage our*
24 *residents to celebrate our therapy animals and their human handlers; and be it further*

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26 *Resolved, That the Anne Arundel County Council thank the therapy animal teams in*
27 *our community; and be it further*

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29 *Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to County Executive Steuart Pittman.*

READ AND PASSED this 20th day of April, 2026

By Order:



Kaley Schultze
Administrative Officer

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 7-26 IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND DULY ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie K. Hummer".

Julie K. Hummer
Chair