

1 State of Arkansas  
2 94th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2023

HR 1059

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5 By: Representative Duke

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO DESIGNATE APRIL 30, 2023, AS THERAPY ANIMAL DAY IN  
9 THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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12 **Subtitle**

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14 ANIMAL DAY IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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16 WHEREAS, Pet Partners is a non-profit organization of volunteers who  
17 visit hospitals, schools and other facilities and special events in Arkansas  
18 with specially trained animals and handlers to perform animal-assisted  
19 therapy and education; and

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

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

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27 WHEREAS, Pet Partners therapy animal teams in the State of Arkansas  
28 play an essential role in improving human health and well-being through the  
29 human-animal bond; and

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

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34 WHEREAS, Pet Partners therapy animal teams interact with a variety of  
35 people in our community including veterans, seniors, patients, students  
36 facing literacy challenges, and those approaching end of life; and



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

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives recognize April 30, 2023, as Therapy Animal Day in the State of Arkansas.