



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, therapy animal teams in Tennessee play an indispensable role in improving human health and well-being through the human-animal bond; and

WHEREAS, therapy animal teams make thousands of volunteer visits per year throughout Tennessee in settings such as hospitals, nursing homes, hospice, schools and courts; and

WHEREAS, therapy animal teams interact with a variety of people in our communities including veterans, seniors, patients, students facing social and 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, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2021 as

Therapy Animal Day

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this second day of March, 2021.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Lee".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "LeRoy Garrett".

Secretary of State

