



# COUNTY OF GALVESTON

On this day, the 30<sup>th</sup> of March 2026, the **Commissioners' Court of Galveston County, Texas**, convened in a specially scheduled meeting with the following members thereof present:

**Mark A. Henry, County Judge;**  
**Darrell A. Apffel, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1;**  
**Joe Giusti, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2;**  
**Hank Dugie, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3;**  
**Robin Armstrong, MD, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; and**  
**Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk**

when the following proceedings, among others, were had, to-wit:

**Whereas**, thousands of Pet Partners therapy animal teams serve communities across the United States, providing comfort, connection, and support to individuals of all ages; and

**Whereas** Pet Partners has designated April 30 as **National Therapy Animal Day**, a day to honor the extraordinary impact of therapy animals and their handlers; and

**Whereas**, scientific research demonstrates that interacting with therapy animals can reduce stress, relieve depression, slow heart rate, lower blood pressure, and strengthen the immune system, thereby contributing to improved physical and emotional well-being; and

**Whereas**, therapy animal teams in Galveston County play an essential role in enhancing human health and quality of life through the human-animal bond; and

**Whereas** these teams provide meaningful interaction to veterans, seniors, patients, students, and individuals approaching the end of life, offering comfort, companionship, and healing during times of need; and

**Whereas**, the exceptional therapy animals who partner with their dedicated human handlers bring joy, reassurance, and emotional support to countless individuals throughout our community; and

**Whereas**, Galveston County encourages more pet owners to consider becoming Pet Partners volunteers to expand access to therapy animal visits and strengthen the well-being of our residents.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the **Commissioners' Court of Galveston County, Texas**, does hereby proclaim **April 30, 2026**, as **National Therapy Animal Day** in Galveston County, and encourages all residents to recognize and celebrate the contributions of therapy animals and their handlers. The Commissioners Court further expresses its sincere appreciation for the service of therapy animal teams in our community and across the nation.

**Upon Motion Duly Made and Seconded**, the above Resolution was unanimously passed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.

Attest:

County of Galveston, Texas

By:

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Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk

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Mark A. Henry, County Judge

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Darrell A. Apffel, Comm., Pct. #1

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Hank Dugie, Comm., Pct. #3

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Joe Giusti, Comm., Pct. #2

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Robin Armstrong, MD, Comm., Pct. #4