

# CITY OF ORANGE CITY, FLORIDA PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, throughout human history, dogs have played an important role in the lives of people, serving as our friends, protectors, and companions; and*

*WHEREAS, medical studies have shown that dogs provide the benefits of lower blood pressure, reduced stress, decreased incidence of illness, and lower cholesterol levels among people who are dog owners; and*

*WHEREAS, working therapy dogs have therapeutic benefits on the lives of many Americans by assisting with physical therapy in hospitals, prisons, psychiatric institutions, nursing homes, and schools; and*

*WHEREAS, therapy dogs and their handlers volunteer their time to their respective communities on a daily basis;*

*NOW THEREFORE, I, Harley Strickland, Mayor of the City of Orange City, do hereby proclaim May 10, 2008 as*

## *Therapy Dog Awareness Day*

*In the City of Orange City and in doing so, urge all citizens to join in a national effort to raise the awareness of the therapeutic benefits of therapy dogs.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Orange City to be affixed on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2008.*

*Harley Strickland, Mayor*

