



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, pets give companionship, lower blood pressure, and reduce stress for people; and

WHEREAS, pets in public places can be an ice-breaker and help people make new social connections; and

WHEREAS, time outdoors with pets get people moving, encouraging healthy activity; and

WHEREAS, bringing pets along to businesses means people can stay longer and not have to worry that they've left their pets at home alone; and

WHEREAS, people with pets are more likely to visit pet-friendly businesses and to stay longer during their visit; and

WHEREAS, our local research shows more than 60 % of Franklin residents have a pet; and

WHEREAS, nearly 80 % of those surveyed said they would value pets being welcomed in Franklin businesses; and

WHEREAS, Mars Petcare US, and its over 900 Franklin-based Associates, have committed to make a BETTER WORLD FOR PETS®; and

WHEREAS, for all these reasons, we want Franklin to stand out as a leading pet-friendly community that celebrates pets and the people who love them.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. Ken Moore, Mayor of the City of Franklin, do hereby proclaim that **Pets are Welcome** in Franklin, Tennessee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand 13th day of June, 2017.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Dr. Ken Moore", is written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Ken Moore, Mayor
Franklin, Tennessee