

STATE OF MICHIGAN



SPECIAL TRIBUTE

BEST FRIENDS 4-H CLUB

LET IT BE KNOWN, That it is with great appreciation for the many benefits they have provided for the individuals and families of Berrien County that we congratulate the Best Friends 4-H Club as they celebrate their 25th anniversary. Surely this remarkable organization has played a significant role in making our county a terrific place to live, work and raise a family.

In 1988, Patti Dynes and her son David founded Best Friends 4-H Club after failing to find a dog training club that would accommodate a student with Down's syndrome. Since that time, the club has substantially grown in both membership and notoriety leading them to receive media attention for their efforts as well as continued support for other community organizations. This has all led to the American Kennel Club's Therapy Dog Title Program to recognize Best Friends 4-H Club as perhaps the only 4-H dog club in America that combines canine therapy with dog competition.

Through the Best Friends 4-H Club, many students have been presented with countless opportunities to grow, learn, compete and meet new friends. Indeed, the club has become a staple organization in Berrien County and has been instrumental in providing educational experiences and opportunities to students in an atmosphere that promotes fun and togetherness. We are surely grateful for their many selfless efforts which have set a great example for others to follow.

IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE, Therefore, this document is signed and dedicated to congratulate the Best Friends 4-H Club on the occasion of their 25th Anniversary. May their many good deeds continue to enrich Berrien County for many years to come.

John Proos, State Senator
The Twenty-First District

Dave Pagel, State Representative
The Seventy-Eighth District

Al Pscholka, State Representative
The Seventy-Ninth District

Fred Upton, Congressman
The Sixth District



The Ninety-Seventh Legislature
At Lansing
May 19, 2013

