

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04-1272R

**CITY OF TONTITOWN, WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS**

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR FORGOTTEN PAWS NWA AND ITS EFFORTS WITHIN THE CITY OF TONTITOWN, ARKANSAS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tontitown continues to experience challenges related to stray, abandoned, and unregulated animals as the community and population grow; and

**WHEREAS**, Forgotten Paws NWA is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization that has provided valuable assistance to residents of Tontitown through efforts including humane capture of stray animals, reduction of roaming and pack-related safety concerns, spay and neuter initiatives, vaccination and disease-prevention efforts, microchipping and responsible ownership programs, reduction of shelter overflow, and community education and outreach; and

**WHEREAS**, these efforts contribute to improved public safety, reduced strain on local resources, and stronger community health outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes the positive impact Forgotten Paws NWA has had within the community and finds it to be in the best interest of the City to formally express its support for the organization and its continued efforts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Tontitown, Arkansas as follows:

**Section 1.** The City Council hereby expresses its support for Forgotten Paws NWA.

**Section 2.** The City Council supports the pursuit of grant funding and resources for animal welfare efforts within the community, including the specific efforts from Forgotten Paws NWA and its pursuit of grant funding, facility expansion, and operational resources necessary to continue and expand its services within the community.

**Section 3.** The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and provide a letter of support on behalf of the City consistent with this Resolution.

**Section 4.** Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed as:

- (a) Creating a partnership, agency relationship, or any form of contractual obligation between the City of Tontitown and Forgotten Paws NWA;
- (b) Granting exclusive rights or privileges to Forgotten Paws NWA; or
- (c) Obligating the City to provide funding, services, or any other resources to Forgotten Paws NWA.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 21 day of April 2026.

**APPROVED:**

Angela Russell  
Angela Russell, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

Rhonda Ardemagni  
Rhonda Ardemagni, City Clerk-Treasurer  
(SEAL)

**SPONSORSHIP AND LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**

Sponsor (Initiated By): Mayor Russell

Motion to Introduce Made By: Mik Washkowiak

Seconded By: Larry Ardemagni

Adopted / Passed: Passed

Vote: Ayes 5 Nays 1 Abstain      Absent     

This requirement is in addition to, and does not supersede, any authentication, attestations, or signature requirements imposed by state law or other provisions of the Tontitown Municipal Code.



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March 16, 2026

The City of Tontitown proudly offers this letter of support for Forgotten Paws NWA and their ongoing efforts to provide valuable animal welfare services within our community.

As one of the fastest-growing municipalities in Northwest Arkansas, Tontitown continues to experience increasing challenges related to stray, abandoned, and unregulated animals.

Forgotten Paws has been an important community organization assisting residents through efforts such as:

- Assistance with humane capture of stray animals
- Efforts to reduce roaming and pack-related safety concerns
- Spay and neuter initiatives to reduce overpopulation
- Vaccination and disease-prevention efforts protecting animals and residents
- Microchipping and responsible ownership programs
- Helping reduce shelter overflow in the region
- Community education and responsible pet ownership outreach

These efforts contribute to improved public safety, reduced strain on local resources, and stronger community health outcomes.

The City of Tontitown recognizes the positive impact Forgotten Paws NWA has had within the community and supports their pursuit of grant funding, facility expansion, and operational resources that will allow them to continue and expand these services.

Respectfully,

Angela Russell  
Mayor  
City of Tontitown