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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 413 Session of  
2003

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INTRODUCED BY BUXTON, BEBKO-JONES, CAPPELLI, CORRIGAN, CRAHALLA, CREIGHTON, CRUZ, DALEY, DENLINGER, DeWEESE, DiGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, FABRIZIO, FICHTER, FORCIER, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GABIG, GEIST, GRUCELA, HERSHEY, HORSEY, JAMES, JOSEPHS, KELLER, KIRKLAND, LAUGHLIN, LEACH, LESCOVITZ, MAJOR, MCGILL, O'NEILL, PAYNE, PISTELLA, READSHAW, RUBLEY, SHANER, THOMAS, TRAVAGLIO, WASHINGTON, YOUNGBLOOD, SCAVELLO, CIVERA, GOODMAN AND WOJNAROSKI, SEPTEMBER 29, 2003

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
SEPTEMBER 29, 2003

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating October 16, 2003, as "National Feral Cat Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, It is estimated that there are 60 million feral cats  
4 in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, Two unaltered cats and their offspring can  
6 exponentially produce 420,000 more cats in seven years; and

7 WHEREAS, Feral cats are the offspring of stray or abandoned  
8 domestic cats who revert to a wild state; and

9 WHEREAS, Feral cats usually cannot be tamed and are most  
10 content living outside in family groups called colonies; and

11 WHEREAS, Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) is the nonlethal  
12 population control plan in which entire colonies are humanely  
13 (and painlessly) trapped, vaccinated and neutered by  
14 veterinarians; and

1       WHEREAS, TNR has been proven to help control cat populations  
2 and stop nuisance behaviors such as female yowling and  
3 aggressive male behavior, including frequent fighting and  
4 territorial spraying, and the cats can live healthy, safe and  
5 peaceful lives in their territories; and

6       WHEREAS, Veterinarians, humane societies, national and local  
7 animal protection organizations and private citizens join  
8 together to advocate and participate in the spaying and  
9 neutering of feral and stray cats on "National Feral Cat Day";  
10 therefore be it

11       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate October  
12 16, 2003, as "National Feral Cat Day" and call upon the people  
13 of Pennsylvania to observe the day by volunteering to  
14 participate in programs which facilitate the spaying and  
15 neutering of feral and stray cats in their neighborhoods or by  
16 sponsoring the spaying or neutering of a feral or stray cat  
17 through their local spay/neuter program.