## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 453

Session of 2011

INTRODUCED BY BUXTON, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN, DiGIROLAMO, FLECK, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, HARHART, HENNESSEY, KILLION, KOTIK, LONGIETTI, MAHER, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MALONEY, MANN, MARSICO, MILLARD, MOUL, MURT, M. O'BRIEN, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROSS, SAINATO, SANTONI, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, SWANGER, THOMAS, VEREB AND YOUNGBLOOD, OCTOBER 14, 2011

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, OCTOBER 14, 2011

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing October 16, 2011, as "National Feral Cat Day."
- 2 WHEREAS, "National Feral Cat Day" is a day dedicated to
- 3 educating communities about feral cat population control,
- 4 including trap-neuter-return (TNR), the most humane and
- 5 effective means of reducing feral cat populations; and
- 6 WHEREAS, TNR stops the cycle of breeding, eliminates the
- 7 killing of healthy animals and greatly reduces complaints about
- 8 costs associated with feral cats; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Scientific evidence and experience in the United
- 10 States and other countries demonstrates that nonlethal TNR
- 11 accompanied by ongoing feral cat colony management is the only
- 12 lasting way to reduce feral cat population; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Caring individuals and groups are effectively
- 14 applying TNR to feral cat colonies in this Commonwealth; and
- 15 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives encourages nonlethal

- 1 TNR accompanied by ongoing feral cat management as the most
- 2 effective, humane method of reducing feral cat populations in
- 3 this Commonwealth; therefore be it
- 4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize October
- 5 16, 2011, as "National Feral Cat Day" and call upon the people
- 6 of Pennsylvania to participate in the spaying and neutering of
- 7 feral and stray cats in their neighborhoods.