
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JANUARY 23, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating February 24, 2015, as "Spay Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, Cats, dogs and other animals possess unique
3 personalities and provide faithful companionship for many
4 Pennsylvanians; and

5 WHEREAS, Not all of the owners of these companion animals
6 have their pets spayed or neutered, which allows for the birth
7 of unwanted animals; and

8 WHEREAS, According to the Humane Society of the United
9 States, approximately 6 to 8 million of these unwanted animals
10 enter shelters each year in our country; and

11 WHEREAS, Only about half of these animals are adopted to new
12 homes, while the remainder are tragically euthanized; and

13 WHEREAS, The overwhelming majority of the animals that must
14 be killed each year are healthy and adoptable, but they meet

1 their untimely death primarily because resources are
2 insufficient to keep them alive until a suitable home can be
3 found; and

4 WHEREAS, In addition to the heartbreaking loss of life, pet
5 overpopulation costs public and private entities millions of
6 dollars annually through the implementation of animal control
7 and sheltering programs; and

8 WHEREAS, The practice of having a pet spayed or neutered at
9 the expense of the owner or through a subsidized spay and neuter
10 program has proven to be highly successful in addressing pet
11 overpopulation; and

12 WHEREAS, In an effort to promote the important role that
13 spaying and neutering can play in controlling pet
14 overpopulation, Spay Day was created in 1995; and

15 WHEREAS, The continued observance of this day by a growing
16 number of public and private entities throughout the world in
17 each successive year has greatly increased the awareness and
18 efficacy of spaying and neutering as a means to control pet
19 overpopulation; and

20 WHEREAS, Veterinarians, national and local animal protection
21 organizations and private citizens have once again joined
22 together to advocate for spaying and neutering on World Spay Day
23 2015, which takes place on February 24, 2015; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
25 February 24, 2015, as "Spay Day" in Pennsylvania, when
26 Pennsylvanians are encouraged to have their pets spayed or
27 neutered or support programs in their communities that offer
28 spay and neuter services.