

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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APRIL 20, 2015

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, APRIL 20, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of April 19 through 25, 2015, as "Adopt a
2 Shelter Pet Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, By celebrating "Adopt a Shelter Pet Week" in this
4 Commonwealth, we will encourage pet adoption at local animal
5 shelters and raise awareness of the strain felt by local animal
6 shelters because of the faltering economy and an overpopulation
7 of animals; and

8 WHEREAS, Many of these animals are euthanized because they
9 are not reclaimed by their owners or adopted by new owners; and

10 WHEREAS, Young, healthy, friendly animals are often
11 euthanized simply because there are not enough good homes for
12 them, making it more important than ever to help local shelters
13 by adopting a pet; and

14 WHEREAS, In the United States, 6 to 8 million homeless pets
15 enter animal shelters each year with as many as 2,700,000 being
16 euthanized; and

17 WHEREAS, Pet ownership has been shown to promote a healthy

1 lifestyle by encouraging exercise and socialization; and

2 WHEREAS, Studies show that children who interact with pets
3 have higher self-esteem, enhanced social skills and can cope
4 better with their emotions; and

5 WHEREAS, Adopting a pet from a shelter and caring for that
6 animal for the rest of its life can help to responsibly reduce
7 animal shelter overcrowding; and

8 WHEREAS, The United States and this Commonwealth have
9 enormous problems with animal overpopulation, a problem that
10 worsens as the economy declines; and

11 WHEREAS, Shelter animals are usually spayed and neutered
12 before being released to new owners, thus reducing the problem
13 of pet overpopulation; and

14 WHEREAS, Animal shelters are focused on animal placement and
15 providing low-cost adoptions so that everyone can have the
16 opportunity to bring a loving pet into his or her home; and

17 WHEREAS, State and local budget reductions have the potential
18 to increase the strain on local animal shelter systems,
19 threatening the lives of thousands of animals; and

20 WHEREAS, Adopting a pet from a local shelter is one way the
21 people of this Commonwealth can make a difference not only in
22 their lives but in the lives of animals in need; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of April 19
24 through 25, 2015, as "Adopt a Shelter Pet Week" in Pennsylvania.