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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY SCHLOSSBERG, BERNSTINE, BIZZARRO, BROOKS, BURNS,  
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MACKENZIE, MALAGARI, McNEILL, MILLARD, MURT, PASHINSKI,  
READSHAW, SAINATO, SCHMITT, THOMAS, ULLMAN, WILLIAMS AND  
SCHWEYER, JANUARY 10, 2020

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,  
JANUARY 10, 2020

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 25, 2020, as "World Spay Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

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

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

9 WHEREAS, According to the American Society for the Prevention  
10 of Cruelty to Animals, approximately 6.5 million animals enter  
11 shelters each year in our country; and

12 WHEREAS, Approximately half of these animals are adopted to  
13 new homes; and

14 WHEREAS, Approximately 2.4 million healthy and adoptable cats  
15 and dogs are euthanized in animal shelters each year because

1 insufficient resources exist to keep them alive until a suitable  
2 home can be found; and

3 WHEREAS, An overwhelming majority of euthanized animals are  
4 healthy and adoptable, yet still meet an untimely death; and

5 WHEREAS, Pet overpopulation costs public and private entities  
6 millions of dollars annually through the implementation of  
7 animal control 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 USA" was created in 1995 by the Doris  
15 Day Animal League; and

16 WHEREAS, "World Spay Day" is now a program of the Humane  
17 Society of the United States, Humane Society International and  
18 Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association; and

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

24 WHEREAS, Veterinarians, national and local animal protection  
25 organizations and private citizens join together once again in  
26 2020 to advocate for spaying and neutering on "World Spay Day";  
27 therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize  
29 February 25, 2020, as "World Spay Day" in Pennsylvania; and be  
30 it further

1       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage  
2       Pennsylvanians to have their pets spayed or neutered and support  
3       programs in their communities that offer spay and neuter  
4       services.