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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 2

Introduced by Assembly Member Smyth

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 2—Relative to Spay Day USA 2011.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 2, as amended, Smyth. Spay Day USA 2011.

This measure would declare February 22, 2011, to be Spay Day USA 2011 in California, and would request that Californians observe that day by having their dogs and cats spayed or neutered and by contributing to organizations that provide spay and neuter services.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, More than 830,000 dogs and cats entered animal
- 2 shelters in California during 2009, the most recent year for which
- 3 statewide data is available; and

1 WHEREAS, Approximately one-half of these animals were not
2 reclaimed by their owners or were not adopted by new owners,
3 and thus were euthanized; and

4 WHEREAS, In most instances these dogs and cats are young,
5 healthy, and friendly animals that are euthanized simply because
6 there are not enough good homes for them; and

7 WHEREAS, An additional unknown number of California
8 animals die each year due to abandonment, neglect, abuse,
9 starvation, or cruelty; and

10 WHEREAS, The cost to California government and nonprofit
11 agencies of handling and euthanizing discarded animals is
12 estimated to approach one-quarter of one billion dollars per year;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The spaying or neutering of dogs and cats helps
15 solve this tragic and costly problem by reducing the number of
16 dogs and cats that end up in shelters; and

17 WHEREAS, It is the policy of the State of California that animal
18 shelters should aggressively promote spay and neuter programs to
19 reduce pet overpopulation; and

20 WHEREAS, Californians can contribute to this effort by spaying
21 or neutering their own companion animals and by supporting
22 programs in their communities that offer accessible spay and neuter
23 services; and

24 WHEREAS, Veterinarians, humane societies, animal control
25 agencies, and national and local animal welfare organizations will
26 join together to advocate the spaying or neutering of dogs and cats
27 on “Spay Day USA 2011,” an annual campaign of the Humane
28 Society of the United States; and

29 WHEREAS, In particular, the Sacramento area has become a
30 leader in coordinating Spay Day USA events, spaying or neutering
31 nearly 1,000 dogs and cats during each of the past 10 years, with
32 nearly 1,000 dogs and cats scheduled for spaying or neutering for
33 Spay Day USA 2011; now, therefore, be it

34 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
35 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California
36 declares February 22, 2011, to be Spay Day USA 2011 in
37 California and requests Californians to observe the day by having
38 their dogs and cats spayed or neutered and by contributing to
39 charitable organizations that provide spay and neuter services; and
40 be it further

1 *Resolved*, That the Legislature further requests that California
2 veterinarians work with animal shelters and rescue groups to
3 provide accessible spay and neuter services; and be it further

4 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
5 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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