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**Sample World Spay Day Resolution**

Office of the [Mayor, County/Parish Council or Governor]

Resolution

Designating Tuesday, February 28, 2017, as “World Spay Day”

WHEREAS, pets provide companionship to 65% of U.S. households and

WHEREAS, 2.4 million healthy and adoptable cats and dogs are put down in animal shelters each year due to a lack of critical resources and public awareness; and

WHEREAS, nearly 90% of pets living in poverty, and 98% of community (feral and stray) cats are unaltered; and

WHEREAS, spaying and neutering has been shown to dramatically reduce the number of animals who are put down in animals shelters; and

WHEREAS, programs exist to assist with the cost of spaying or neutering pets living in poverty and community cats; and

WHEREAS, veterinarians, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens worked together to advocate the spaying and neutering of pets and community cats through “World Spay Day” in the United States and throughout the world in 2017; and

WHEREAS, veterinarians, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens have joined together again to advocate the spaying or neutering of pets and community cats on “World Spay Day 2017”:

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED by the [local or state government body], that February 28, 2017, is designated “World Spay Day.” The [mayor, county/parish council or governor] is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of [city, county/parish or state] to observe the day by having their own pets spayed or neutered or by sponsoring the spaying or neutering of a pet in need.

Statistics from “[Pets by the Numbers](http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/pet_overpopulation/facts/pet_ownership_statistics.html): U.S. Pet Ownership, Community Cat and Shelter Population Estimates.” *humanesociety.org*. Last modified December 2015.