



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SPAY AND NEUTER AWARENESS MONTH AND WORLD SPAY DAY

- WHEREAS:** For centuries, domestic animals have provided companionship, unconditional love, and loyalty to people around the world. Today, these companions share homes with millions of Americans, offering their guardians affection and an improved sense of well-being; and
- WHEREAS:** The citizens of Georgia have a responsibility to spay and neuter their pets. These procedures are beneficial to the overall health of companion animals, and they drastically reduce pet overpopulation, an issue that costs the United States more than \$1 billion annually; and
- WHEREAS:** Each year, shelters are forced to euthanize thousands of healthy, adoptable cats and dogs due to an inadequate number of responsible homes to care for such companions; and
- WHEREAS:** Spaying and neutering also helps to reduce several health problems that can be difficult or expensive to treat; and
- WHEREAS:** All of our domestic animals deserve loving homes and adequate care throughout their lifetimes; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 2020 as SPAY AND NEUTER AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia and further recognize February 25, 2020 as WORLD SPAY DAY.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 6th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Trinity K. Fleming

CHIEF OF STAFF