



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### SPAY AND NEUTER AWARENESS MONTH

**WHEREAS:** Domestic animals have provided companionship to people throughout history, and today, companion animals offer affection and an improved sense of well-being to millions of Georgians; and

**WHEREAS:** Spaying or neutering pets promotes the health of companion animals, and spaying and neutering has been shown to significantly reduce pet overpopulation; and

**WHEREAS:** Each year, shelters euthanize hundreds of thousands of healthy, adoptable cats and dogs because of a lack of resources to care for them; and

**WHEREAS:** Spaying and neutering also helps to eliminate or decrease several pet health problems that can be difficult or expensive to treat; and

**WHEREAS:** All of Georgia's domestic animals deserve loving homes and proper care throughout their lifetimes; now

**WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia encourages all Georgians to learn about their options to spay and neuter their pets this month and encourages them to support their local animal shelters, rescue groups, and spay neuter organizations that are leading the way in promoting and protecting animal welfare, while also joining in recognizing February 22, 2022 as World Spay Day; now

**THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 2022 as SPAY AND NEUTER AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Marlene K. Kibben*

CHIEF OF STAFF