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 18th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

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GOVERNOR

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CHIEF OF STAFF