



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### SPAY/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 and neutering pets promotes the health of companion animals, has been shown to significantly reduce pet overpopulation, and helps to eliminate or decrease several pet health problems that can be difficult or expensive to treat; and
- WHEREAS:** Each year, shelters euthanize hundreds of thousands of healthy, adoptable dogs and cats due to a lack of resources and willing forever families; and
- WHEREAS:** All of Georgia's domestic animals deserve loving homes and proper care throughout their lifetimes; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia encourages all Georgians to learn about their options for spaying and neutering their pets this month and urges them to support local animal shelters, rescue groups, and organizations leading the way in promoting and protecting animal wellbeing, while also joining in recognizing February 25, 2025 as World Spay Day; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2025, as SPAY/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 29<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Lauren M. Curry*

CHIEF OF STAFF