



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SPAY AND NEUTER AWARENESS MONTH AND WORLD SPAY DAY

- WHEREAS:** Domestic animals have provided companionship to people throughout history. Today, companion animals offer affection and an improved sense of well-being to millions of Georgians; and
- WHEREAS:** All pet owners have a responsibility to spay and neuter their pets to ensure the health of companion animals. Proper spaying and neutering has been shown to significantly reduce pet overpopulation, an issue that costs the United States more than \$1 billion per year; and
- WHEREAS:** Each year, shelters euthanize millions of healthy and adoptable cats and dogs because of an inadequate number of responsible homes 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 should have loving homes and deserve proper care throughout their lifetimes; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 2019 as SPAY AND NEUTER AWARENESS MONTH and join in recognizing February 26, 2019, as WORLD SPAY DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 15th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



B. P. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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