

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 9

Introduced by Assembly Member McCarty
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(Coauthors: Senators Leno, Liu, and Pan)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 9—Relative to Pet Care Education Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 9, as introduced, McCarty. Pet Care Education Month.

This measure would declare the month of January 2015 as Pet Care Education Month and would request Californians to observe the month by ensuring that their companion animals receive the proper preventative care by establishing a financial plan for pet health emergencies and by contributing to charitable organizations that provide low-cost spay and neutering services and vaccinations or funds to help low-income individuals pay for veterinary care.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, An increasing number of dogs and cats in the
- 2 United States do not get the regular, preventative health care that
- 3 they need to stay healthy; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Animal welfare organizations often bear the burden
- 5 of dealing with animal health care issues that could have been
- 6 prevented, such as dental and skin issues, nutritional deficiencies,
- 7 heartworm, pyometra, distemper, and parvo; and
- 8 WHEREAS, It is the policy of the State of California to
- 9 encourage pet owners to take steps to responsibly care for their

1 pets, including providing for responsible nutrition and regular
2 visits to a veterinarian, and ensuring that their pets receive proper
3 preventative care such as vaccinations, spaying or neutering, oral
4 care, and heartworm prevention; and

5 WHEREAS, National and local animal welfare organizations,
6 animal shelters, animal control agencies, veterinarians, and others
7 engaged in the care and feeding of pets will join together to
8 advocate for “Pet Care Education Month,” which will help
9 Californians receive affordable preventative care for their pets
10 throughout the month of January 2015; now, therefore, be it

11 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
12 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California
13 declares the month of January 2015 as Pet Care Education Month
14 in California and requests Californians to observe the month by
15 ensuring that their companion animals receive the proper
16 preventative care by establishing a financial plan for pet health
17 emergencies and by contributing to charitable organizations that
18 provide low-cost spay and neuter services and vaccinations or
19 funds to help low-income individuals pay for veterinary care; and
20 be it further

21 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
22 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.