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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 118

Introduced by Assembly Member Smyth

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 118—Relative to Spay Day USA 2010.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 118, as amended, Smyth. Spay Day USA 2010.

This measure would declare February 23, 2010, to be Spay Day USA 2010 in California, and would request that Californians observe that day by having their dogs and cats spayed or neutered and by providing voluntary services or other support to organizations that provide spay and neuter services.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, More than 800,000 dogs and cats entered animal
2 shelters in California during 2008, the most recent year for which
3 statewide data is available; and

4 WHEREAS, More than one-half of these animals were not
5 reclaimed by their owners or were not adopted by new owners,
6 and thus were euthanized; and

7 WHEREAS, In most instances these dogs and cats are young,
8 healthy, and friendly animals that are euthanized simply because
9 there are not enough good homes for them; and

10 WHEREAS, An additional unknown number of California
11 animals die each year due to abandonment, neglect, abuse,
12 starvation, or cruelty; and

13 WHEREAS, The cost to California government and nonprofit
14 agencies of handling and euthanizing discarded animals is
15 estimated to approach one-quarter of one billion dollars per year;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, The spaying or neutering of dogs and cats helps
18 solve this tragic and costly problem by reducing the number of
19 dogs and cats that end up in shelters; and

20 WHEREAS, It is the policy of the State of California that animal
21 shelters should aggressively promote spay and neuter programs to
22 reduce pet overpopulation; and

23 WHEREAS, Californians can contribute to this effort by spaying
24 or neutering their own companion animals and by supporting
25 programs in their communities that offer accessible spay and neuter
26 services; and

27 WHEREAS, Veterinarians, humane societies, animal control
28 agencies, and national and local animal welfare organizations will
29 join together to advocate the spaying or neutering of dogs and cats
30 on “Spay Day USA 2010,” an annual campaign of the Humane
31 Society of the United States; and

32 WHEREAS, In particular, the Sacramento area has become a
33 leader in coordinating Spay Day USA events, spaying or neutering
34 nearly 1,000 dogs and cats during each of the past 10 years, with
35 nearly 1,000 dogs and cats scheduled for spaying or neutering for
36 Spay Day USA 2010; now, therefore, be it

37 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
38 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature of the State of California
39 declares February 23, 2010, to be Spay Day USA 2010 in
40 California and requests Californians to observe the day by having

1 their dogs and cats spayed or neutered and by providing voluntary
2 services or other support to charitable organizations that provide
3 spay and neuter services; and that the Legislature further requests
4 that California veterinarians work with animal shelters and rescue
5 groups to provide accessible spay and neuter services; and be it
6 further

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

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