

Introduced by Senator Steinberg

February 2, 2012

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 62—Relative to Spay/Neuter Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 62, as introduced, Steinberg. Spay/Neuter Awareness Month.

This measure would declare the month of February, 2012, to be Spay/Neuter Awareness Month, request that Californians observe that month by having their dogs or cats spayed or neutered and by contributing to organizations that provide spay and neuter services, and request veterinarians to work with animal shelters and rescue groups that provide spay and neuter services.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, At least 250,000 dogs and possibly twice as many
- 2 cats are euthanized in California each year; and
- 3 WHEREAS, In most instances, these dogs and cats are young,
- 4 healthy, and friendly animals that are euthanized simply because
- 5 there are not enough good homes for them; and
- 6 WHEREAS, An additional unknown number of animals die
- 7 each year due to abandonment, neglect, abuse, starvation, or cruelty
- 8 because they are unwanted; and
- 9 WHEREAS, The spaying and neutering of dogs and cats helps
- 10 solve this tragic problem by reducing the number of unwanted
- 11 animals; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Californians can contribute to this effort by spaying
- 13 or neutering their own companion animals and by supporting

1 programs in their communities that offer spay and neuter services;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Veterinarians, humane societies, animal control
4 agencies, and national and local animal welfare organizations will
5 join together on February 28, 2012, to advocate the spaying and
6 neutering of dogs and cats on “Spay Day USA 2012”; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
9 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares the month of
10 February, 2012, to be Spay/Neuter Awareness Month, that
11 Californians are requested to observe the month by having their
12 dogs or cats spayed or neutered and by contributing to those
13 organizations that provide spay and neuter services, and that
14 California veterinarians are requested to work with animal shelters
15 and rescue groups that provide spay and neuter services; and be it
16 further

17 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
18 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.