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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to declare February 25, 2015, as Spay Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of World Spay Day

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and appreciate the service, companionship, loyalty and happiness pets bring to the lives of their owners; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to declare February 25, 2015, as Spay Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with World Spay Day; and

WHEREAS, Pets provide companionship in more than 71 million United States households, and studies have shown owning a pet can provide a variety of health benefits; and

WHEREAS, Humane societies and animal shelters have to put down millions of cats, dogs, rabbits and other animals each year, many of whom are healthy and adoptable, due to a lack of critical resources and public awareness; and

WHEREAS, This tragic overpopulation of pets costs citizens and taxpayers of this country millions of dollars annually through animal service programs aimed at coping with the millions of homeless animals; and

WHEREAS, Spaying and neutering has been shown to dramatically reduce the overpopulation of pets and feral cats, proving to be a wise investment in saving animal lives and taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, Veterinarians, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens are working together to educate the public about spay and neuter programs and offering financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, Many shelters and organizations throughout the State of New York have volunteered their efforts to join together in order to advocate the spaying and neutering of their pets on "Spay Day"; now, there-

fore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to declare February 25, 2015, as Spay Day in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of World Spay Day; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York.