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**Title:** NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh declares Tuesday, February 22, 2022 "World Spay Day" here in our most livable City of Pittsburgh.

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**WHEREAS**, pet ownership in the United States of America has more than tripled since the 1970s, and as of 2022, pets provide companionship to more than 90.5 million American households; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 90% of pets living in poverty and 98% of community (feral and stray) cats are unaltered; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 5.5 million cats and dogs enter our nation’s shelter system each year, of which, unfortunately, only 19% of shelter dogs and 3% of cats are reclaimed by their owners; and

**WHEREAS**, across the United States of America, animal shelters are forced to euthanize one million cats, dogs, 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 the taxpayers of this country millions of dollars annually through animal service programs that must cope with large populations of stray dogs and cats; and

**WHEREAS**, spaying and neutering is the proven and humane method of reducing overpopulation and limiting the number of pets that end up in shelters; and

**WHEREAS**, free spay and neuter programs and educational outreach have proven to be wise investments for many communities, as these programs gradually decrease the number of stray animals in a given area; and

**WHEREAS**, through the City of Pittsburgh’s Free Spay and Neuter Program, any City resident can have up to five cats or dogs spayed or neutered for free; and

**WHEREAS**, since the creation of this program, Animal Friends HAS performed over 3,331 free surgeries; and

*WHEREAS*, this year marks the 28th annual **World Spay Day**, and since its inception, participants have spayed and saved millions of animals nationwide, and hundreds of thousands in the Pittsburgh region;

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh declares Tuesday, February 22, 2022 “**World Spay Day**” here in our most livable City of Pittsburgh.