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**Title:** NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby officially declare February 25, 2014, as "Spay Day 2014" in the City of Pittsburgh.

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**WHEREAS**, pets provide companionship to more than 80 million households in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, between six and eight million cats and dogs enter our nation's shelter system each year and these shelters cannot save and support this huge number of accidental litters and strays; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 30% of shelter dogs are reclaimed by their owners, and only 2-5% of shelter cats are reclaimed; 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**, across the United States, animal shelters have to put down an estimated four 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**, spaying and neutering is the only proven way 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**, through the City of Pittsburgh Spay and Neuter Program, City residents can get up to 5 household dogs or cats spayed or neutered for free at participating organizations, including **Animal Friends** and **the Animal Rescue League (ARL)**; and

**WHEREAS**, this year marks the twentieth annual **Spay Day**, and since its inception in 1995, it is conservatively estimated that nationally, participants have altered more than 1.5 million animals; and

**WHEREAS**, veterinarians, national and local animal protection organizations and private citizens have joined together to advocate the spaying and neutering of pets and feral cats; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby officially declare February 25, 2014, as “**Spay Day 2014**” in the City of Pittsburgh.