

Resolution No. 71 February 12, 2004

Designating Tuesday, February 24, 2004 As “Spay Day USA” In Ulster County

Legislators Aiello, Alfonso, Bartels, Berardi, Busick, Cummings, Dart, DePew, Donaldson, Every, Feldmann, Felicello, Gerentine, Harris, Hathaway, Hyatt, Kraft, Lomita, Loughran, Maloney, McAfee, Meyer, Noonan, Richard Parete, Robert Parete, Provenzano, Roberti, Rodriguez, Shapiro, Stock, Stoeckeler, Tipp and Zimet offer the following:

WHEREAS, cats and dogs provide companionship to and share the homes of over 63,000,000 individuals and families in the United States, and

WHEREAS, two unaltered cats and all their descendants can number 420,000 in six years and two unaltered dogs and all their descendants can number 67,000 in six years, and

WHEREAS, humane societies and shelters have to kill approximately four million cats and dogs each year although many of them are healthy and adoptable, simply because there are not enough good homes, and

WHEREAS, the problem of companion animal overcrowding costs the taxpayers of this country over a billion dollars annually through animal control programs aimed at coping with the millions of homeless cats and dogs, and

WHEREAS, spaying and neutering cats and dogs has been shown to drastically reduce cat and dog overpopulation, and

WHEREAS, veterinarians, humane societies, national and local animal protection organizations and private citizens worked together to ensure the spaying or neutering of an estimated 225,000 companion animals through “Spay Day USA” in 2003, and

WHEREAS, veterinarians, humane societies, national and local animal protection organizations and private citizens joined together again to advocate the spaying or neutering of companion animals through “Spay Day USA” in 2004.

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby declares February 24, 2004 as “Spay Day USA” in Ulster County and calls upon the citizens of Ulster County to observe the day by having their own cats and dogs spayed or neutered or by sponsoring the spaying or neutering of another person’s cat or dog,

and moves its adoption.

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ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: 32

NOES: 0

(Absent: Legislator Maloney)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

NONE

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